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不可解な出来事の原因が
自分にあると知ったかずやは
自らの手で怪異を鎮めることを決意し、
学校の仲間たち、〈お祓み相談室〉を立ち上げる。
そんな折、しろうに実知モテ期が到来！
かわいい彼女ができるのだが
その彼女ちょっとヒワクありのようで…
絆を深めつつある期待どおりずやは
襲いくる〈あまそぎ〉の脅威から
みんなを守ることができるのか!?
シリアスからユロスまで
圧倒的な描き込みでお送りする
学園で伝奇で美少女な欲張りコメディ第7弾！

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グロマラスなボディを
描くのに苦手でしたが
黒煙を描き続けているうちに
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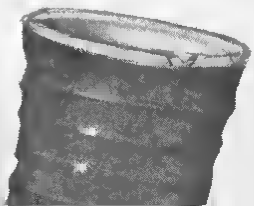

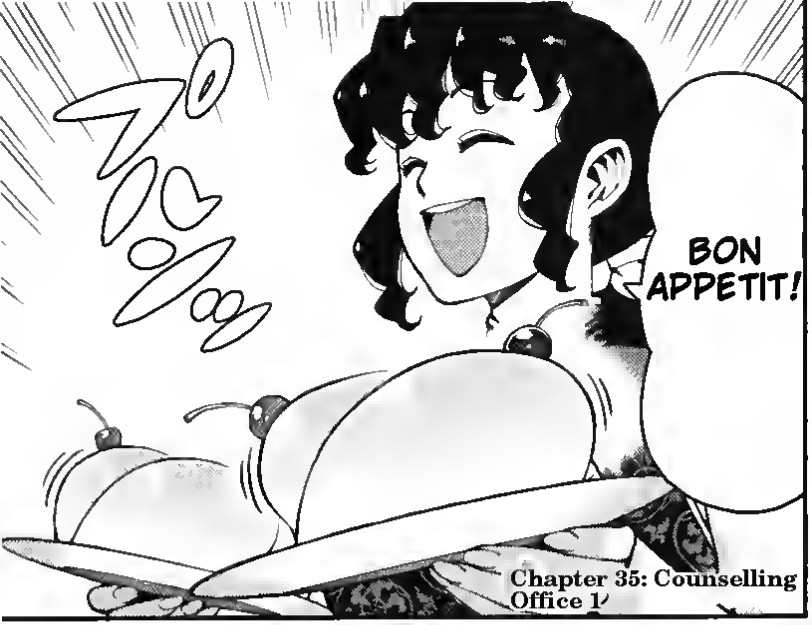

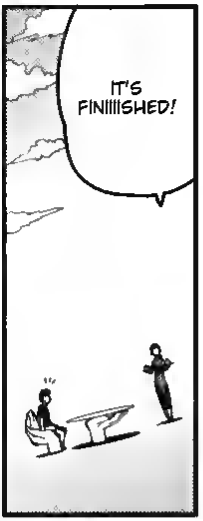

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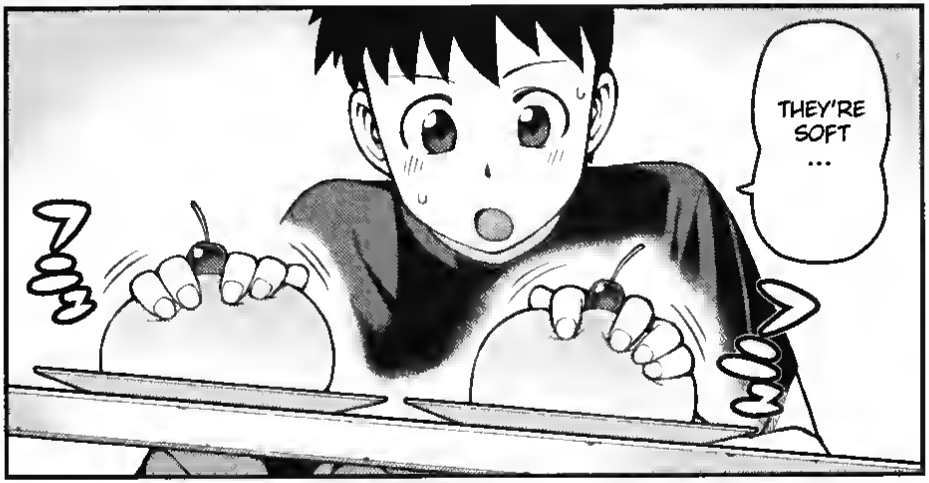

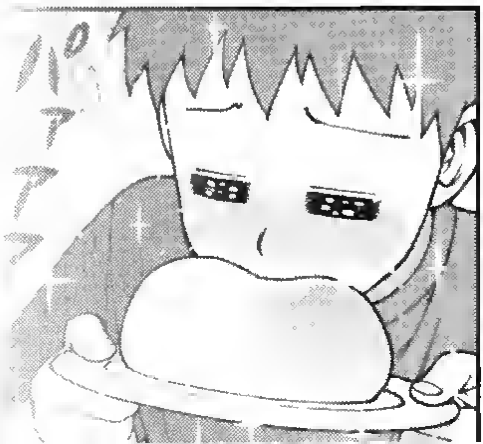

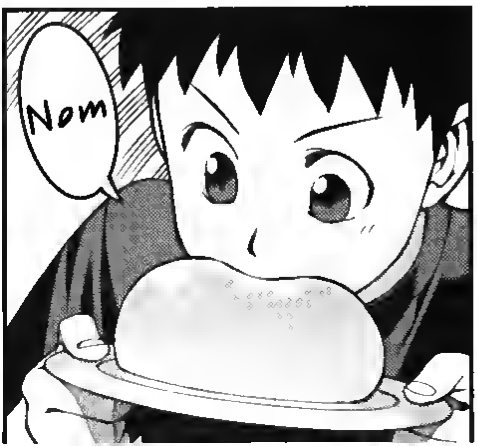

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POMF
チュン チュン
ナムナムナム
I TOLD YOU NOT TO SLEEP NAKED!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BEING ALL LOUD AND EVERY-THING ...
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ドドドド...
DFFMMPH !?
YOU SEE IT ALL THE TIME IN THE BATH ...
AT THIS POINT, WHAT'S LEFT TO BE EM-BARASSED ABOUT?
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WAIT !!!!!!
ハーッ!!

STOP SEDUCING YAKKUN! YOU LUSTFUL TSUKU-MOGAMI!
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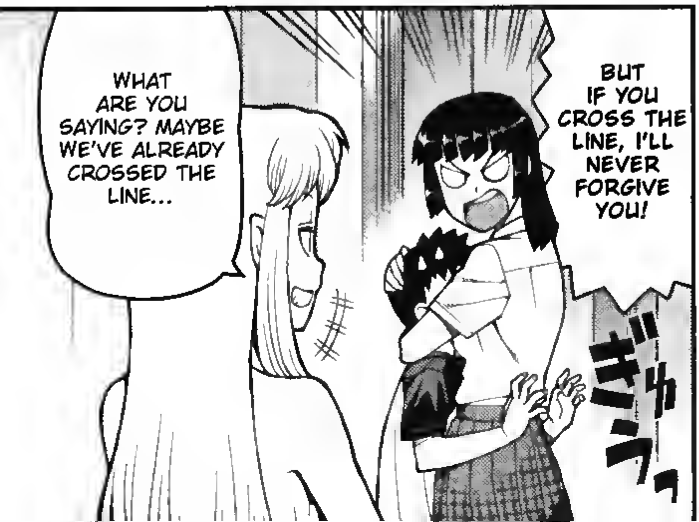
WHY ARE YOU FRETTING OVER A BIT OF PHYSICAL INTIMACY? IT'S NO BIG DEAL.


BUT IF YOU CROSS THE LINE, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
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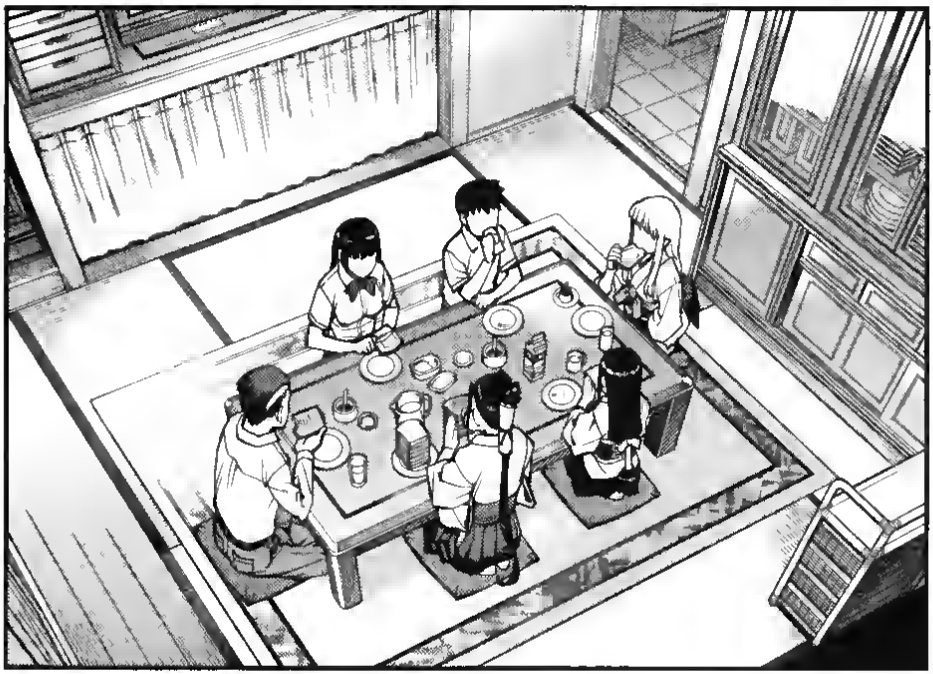
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? MAYBE WE'VE ALREADY CROSSED THE LINE...

I WAS LEAVING THE TWO OF YOU ALONE, SINCE YOU SAID YOUR POWER INCREASES AS YOU SPEND MORE TIME TOGETHER..

It touched my mouth... Kirihasan's...
HEY!! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!? YOU BROCON, YOU'RE TOO DAMN CLOSE TO HIM!
OPEN
WAIT! I'M GONNA INSPECT IT RIGHT NOW!



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OF COURSE! BE THANK-FUL!
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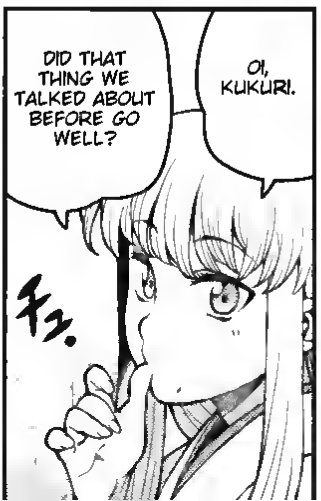
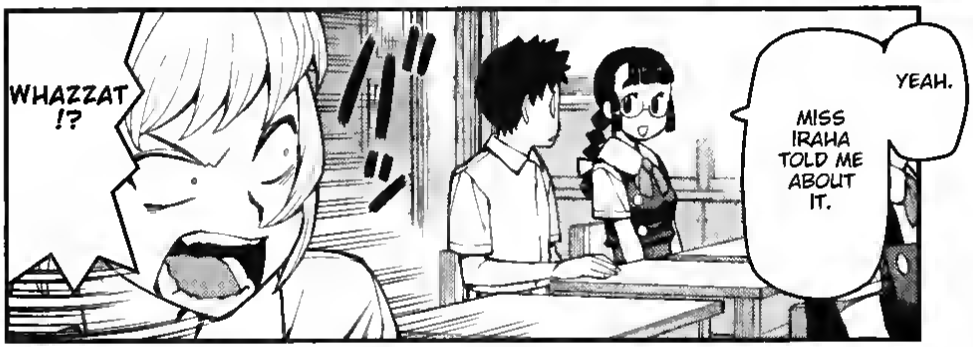

OI, KUKURI.
DID THAT THING WE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE GO WELL?
チラ.

I'M HEADING OUT.
HAVE FU~N.
YEAH, HAVE FUN.
ガチャ
HUH? YOU'RE NOT COMING TO SCHOOL TODAY, KIRIHA?
YOU ALWAYS FORCE ME TO TAKE YOU ALONG ...
HUHU, SOMETIMES THERE ARE DAYS LIKE TODAY.
SHE SHOULD'VE KNOWN... THAT WE WERE GOING TO HAVE THAT TALK TODAY ...

TRANSFER STUDENT?


WHAZZAT !?
YEAH. MISS IRAHA TOLD ME ABOUT IT.

IT MIGHT BE A BOY.
I HOPE IT'S A CUTE GI~RL.

HELLO, EVERYONE.
TODAY, I WILL INTRODUCE YOU ALL TO A NEW FRIEND.
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KAMIOKA EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL YEAR 2 CLASS 2 HOMEROOM TEACHER IRIHA ISUZU
NOW, COME I~N.
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PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!
OBINA KIRIHA!
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……!!!
IT'S NATURAL!
And the curtains match the drapes
BY THE WAY, OBINA? THAT HAIR COLOR IS AGAINST THE SCHOOL RULES...
OH, YOU'RE ALL SO EXCITED, AREN'T YOU?
SURE!
PLEASE SIT BESIDE KAGAMI, OBINA.
LET'S SEE...

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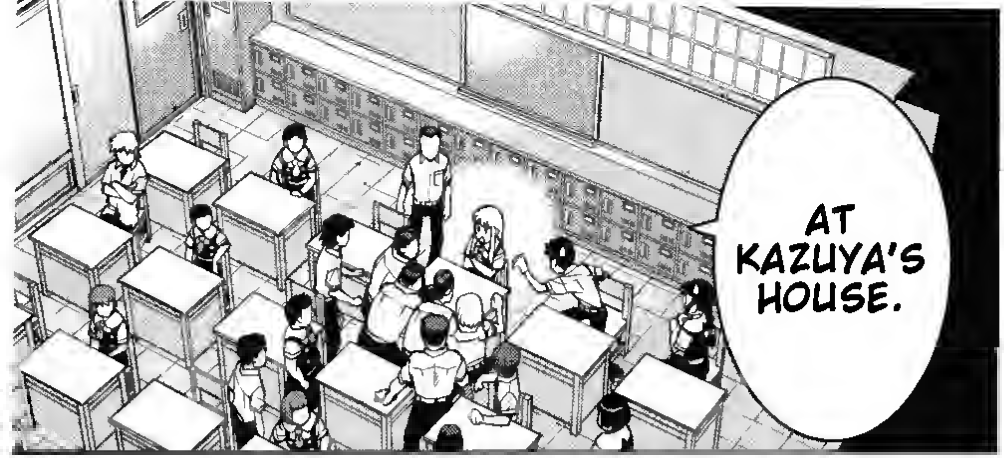
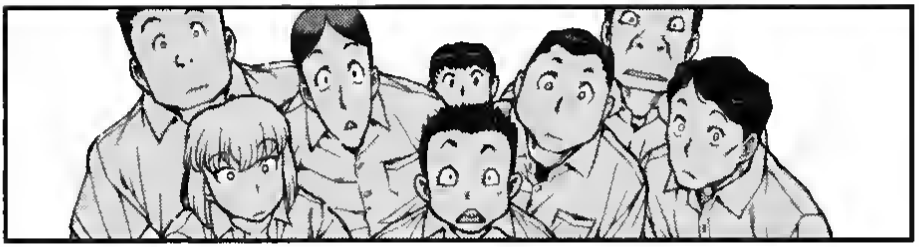
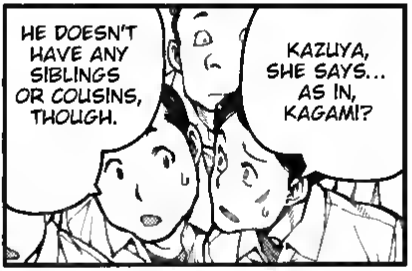
WHAT'S GOING ON?
OBINA-SAN! WHAT MIDDLE SCHOOL DID YOU COME FROM?
YOUR HAIR COLOR'S REALLY PRETTY! ARE YOU HALF-BLOODED!? OR QUARTER-BLOODED!?
WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE!? WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOBBY!?
HEY, HAVEN'T YOU BEEN IN OUR CLASS-ROOM BEFORE!?
WHOA, WHOA.
IF YOU ASK ALL AT ONCE, I CAN'T ANSWER ANY OF YOU.
AH, SORRY 'BOUT THAT. THEN, WHERE ARE YOU LIVING RIGHT NOW?
OH, THAT'S EASY.
WA-WAIT!


AT KAZUYA'S HOUSE.



WELL, YEAH. IT'S SORT OF LIKE THAT.
I DON'T THINK IT'S A REASON FOR LIVING TOGETHER.. BUT MAYBE THEY'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?
I can hear you


HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY SIBLINGS OR COUSINS, THOUGH.
KAZUYA, SHE SAYS... AS IN, KAGAMI?

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YOU MUST HAVE BATHED AND SLEPT TOGETHER WHEN YOU GUYS WERE YOUNGER, RI~GHT?
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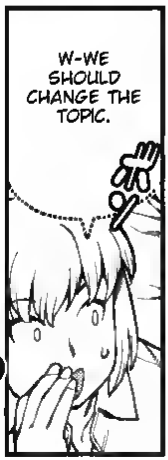
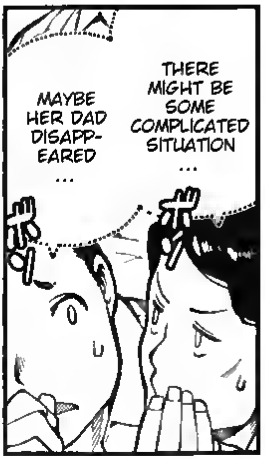

W-WE SHOULD CHANGE THE TOPIC.


MAYBE HER DAD DISAPP-EARED ...
THERE MIGHT BE SOME COMPLICATED SITUATION ...

THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?
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WE STILL BATHE
AND SLEEP TOGE-THER ...

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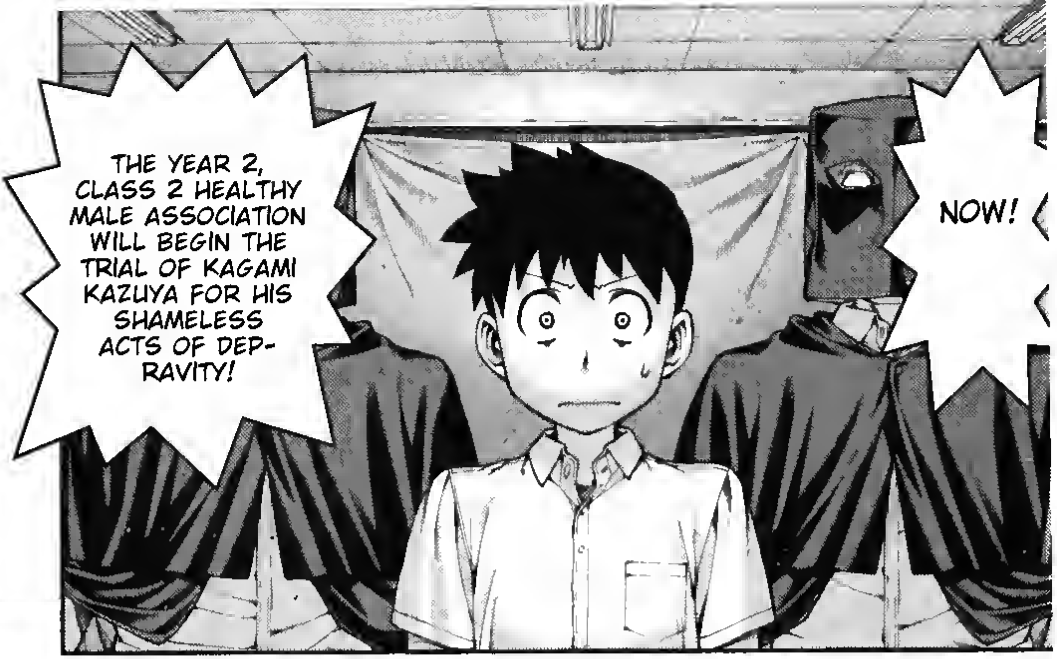

THE YEAR 2, CLASS 2 HEALTHY MALE ASSOCIATION WILL BEGIN THE TRIAL OF KAGAMI KAZUYA FOR HIS SHAMELESS ACTS OF DEP-RAVITY!
NOW!

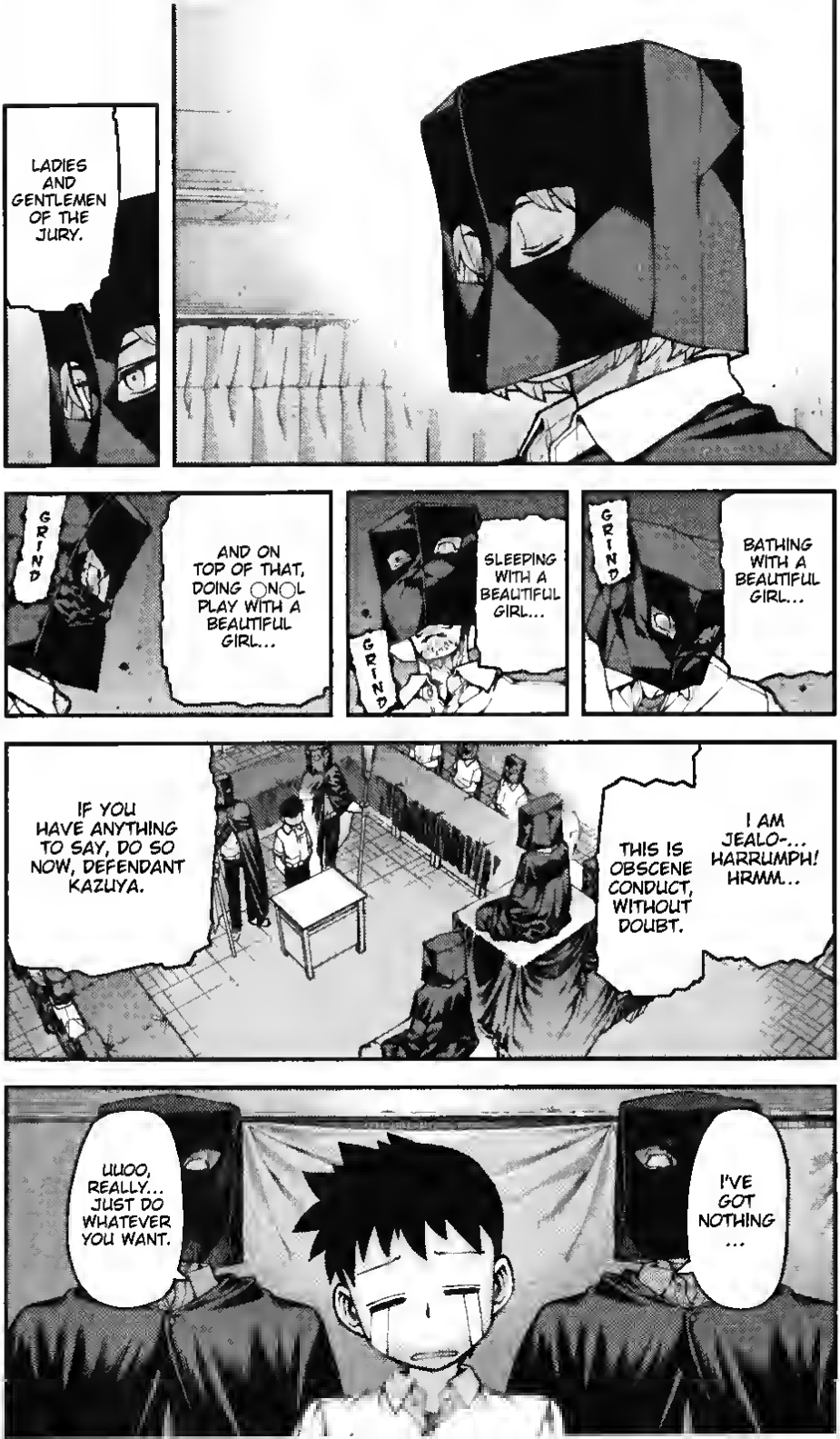
*THE FIFTH AMENDMENT PROTECTS AGAINST UNFAIR TREATMENT IN LEGAL PROCESSES.

BASTARD, YOU, WITH OBINA KIRIHA STILL!
STILL BATHE TOGETHER! AND SLEEP TOGETHER! IS THIS THE TRUTH!?
I WILL NOT RECOGNIZE THE FIFTH AMENDMENT! ANSWER "YES" OR "NO!"
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND

WE BATHED AND SLEPT TOGETHER YESTERDAY, THOUGH.
SHE'S INCLUDING STUFF THAT HAPPENED FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO!
K-K-KIRIHA-SAN IS JUST SPEAKING VERY BROADLY!
WHAT, IS THAT REALLY SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT?
KIRIH-GAAK!
SAY THAT EARLIER!
BEATINGS !!
IF YOU GIVE FALSE TESTIMONY ...
YOU'RE ONLY ALLOWED TO SAY "YES" OR "NO" FOR YOUR ANSWERS.
THERE'S A BIGGER ISSUE AT STAKE HERE, FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS.
B-B-BUT WE'RE STILL IN HOMEROOM ...

W-WELL... PERHAPS IT WOULD UNFAIR TO JUST GO ALONG WITH THE VICTIM(?)'S TESTIMONY...
HMM ...
I-IT'S A FALSE CHARGE!
KIRIHA'S MEMORIES ARE JUST CONFUSED!
HOW RUDE.
YOUR HONOR, MAY I SAY SOMETHING ?
ビッ
YOU MAY SPEAK, JURY MEMBER C.C.
WAIT, HOLD ON!!
WITNISSED HIM AND KIRIHA BATHING AND SLEEPING TOGETHER BEFORE

AREN'T YOU CHISATO!? YOU ARE DEFINITELY CHISATO!
I AM JURY MEMBER C.C.
NO, THERE'S NO MISTAKING THOSE TINY BREASTS!
TO BE SO SHAMELESS WHEN HE IS ONLY A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER ...
HE DESERVES SEVERE PUNISH-MENT.
HMM... THAT'S TRUE. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE?
YES.
YES, JURY MEMBER O.O., PLEASE SPEAK.
I HEARD THIS FROM KIRIHA-SAN BEFORE.
KAZUYA-SAN SHOVED HIS LUSTFUL MIDDLE FINGER UP HER ○N○S.
AND IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT HE'S TASTED THIS AND THAT ...
STOP GIVING PEOPLE THE WRONG IDEA!!


LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY.
GRIND
AND ON TOP OF THAT, DOING ○N○L PLAY WITH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL...
SLEEPING WITH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL...
GRIND
GRIND
BATHING WITH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL...
IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY, DO SO NOW, DEFENDANT KAZUYA.
THIS IS OBSCENE CONDUCT, WITHOUT DOUBT.
I AM JEALO-... HARRUMPH! HRMM...
UUOO, REALLY... JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
I'VE GOT NOTHING ...

NOW, IS THERE ANY FITTING PUNISHMENT FOR THE DEFENDANT!?
GUILTY !!
OBSC-ENITY IN THE FIRST DEGREE!
VERY WELL! YOU SHALL BE SENTENCED !!
WAIT A SECOND!
I REQUEST CAPITAL PUNISH-MENT!
CAPITAL PUNISH-MENT!
CLOTHES-PIN TITTY TWISTERS!
THE BOILING LOTION PUNISH-MENT!
D☒CK-MOLDING PUNISH-MENT!
WRAPPING TAPE AROUND HIS B☒LLS!

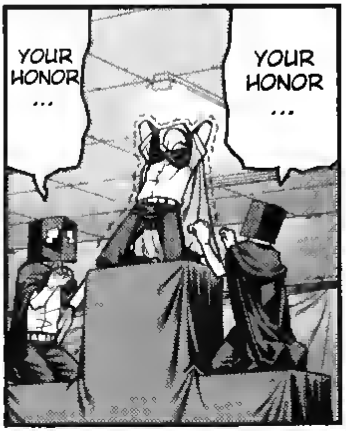
BATHING TO-GETHER, SLEEPING TOGETHER, AND PUTTING OINTMENT IN MY REAR... THOSE WERE ALL THINGS I WANTED!
OBSCENE THIS, OBSCENE THAT! JUST SHUT IT!
W-WHAT !?
I WON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU, THOUGH.
SO THE ONE YOU SHOULD PUNISH IS ME.
UGH!!
KIRIHA ...

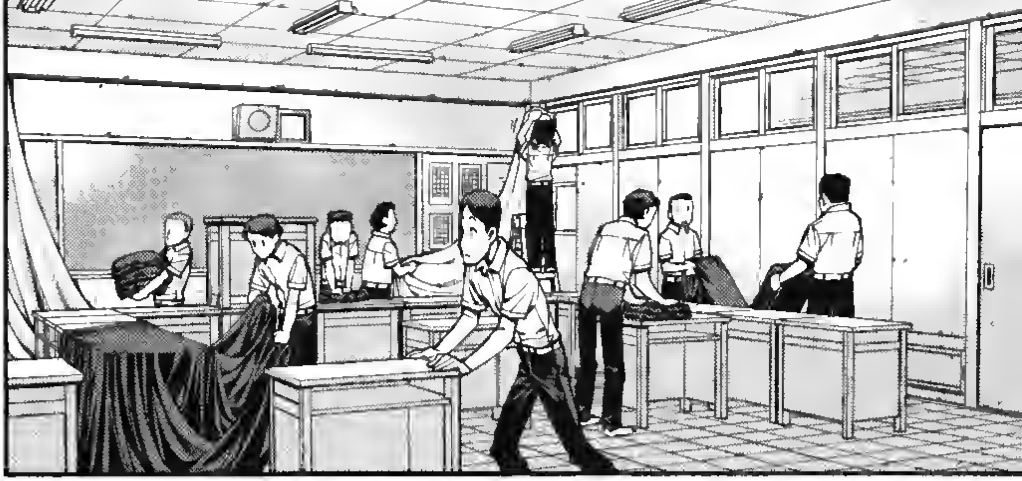
BUT IF WE DO THEM TO A GIRL...
THE PUNISHMENTS FOR OBSCENITY ARE ONLY PROPER TO SENTENCE A MALE TO!

IF WE DO THAT, WE'LL BE JUST AS OBSCENE AS HE IS!!!
ARG, THAT'S RIGHT!!

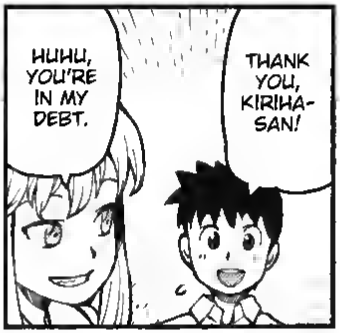
I UNDER-STAND. WE'LL OVERLOOK IT THIS TIME.

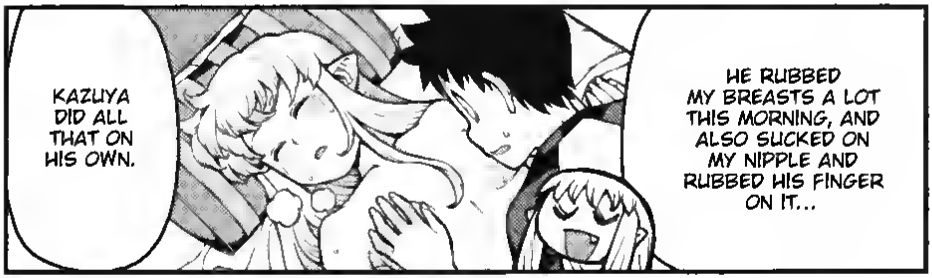
AH...


YOUR HONOR ...
YOUR HONOR ...



ALL? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
FOR ALL OF THOSE OBSCENE ACTS TO BE DONE BY MISS OBINA'S COMMAND... I'M JEALOUS.


HUHU, YOU'RE IN MY DEBT.
THANK YOU, KIRIHA-SAN!


KAZUYA DID ALL THAT ON HIS OWN.
HE RUBBED MY BREASTS A LOT THIS MORNING, AND ALSO SUCKED ON MY NIPPLE AND RUBBED HIS FINGER ON IT...

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ポム
IT FELT QUITE GOOD, KAZUYA.

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EXECUTION UNEXCUSED & EXECUTED
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First-class punish-ment for obscen-ity.
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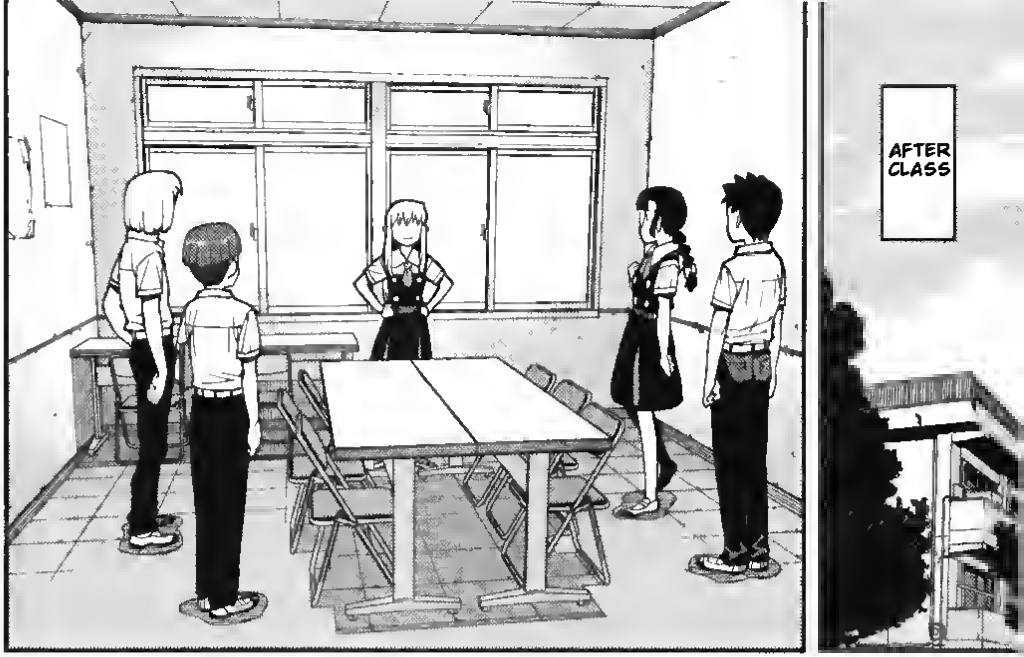
Tortoise shell Pendulum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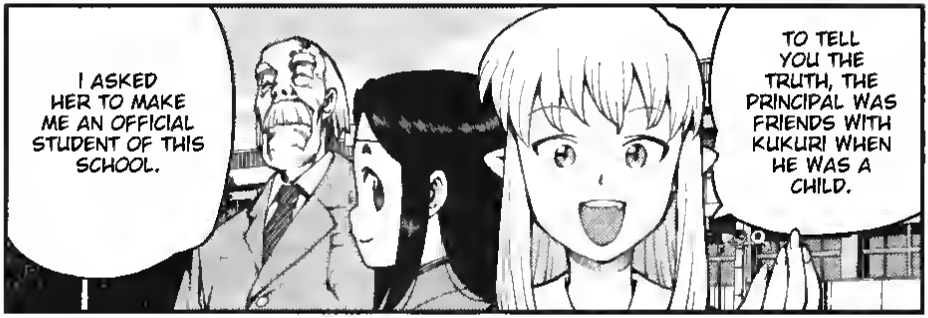
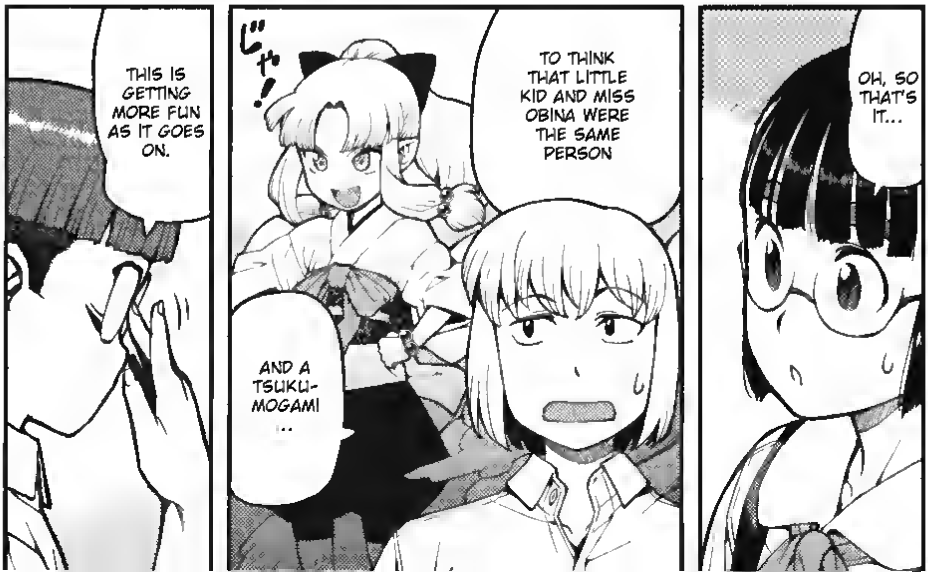

I ASKED HER TO MAKE ME AN OFFICIAL STUDENT OF THIS SCHOOL.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THE PRINCIPAL WAS FRIENDS WITH KUKURI WHEN HE WAS A CHILD.


THIS IS GETTING MORE FUN AS IT GOES ON.
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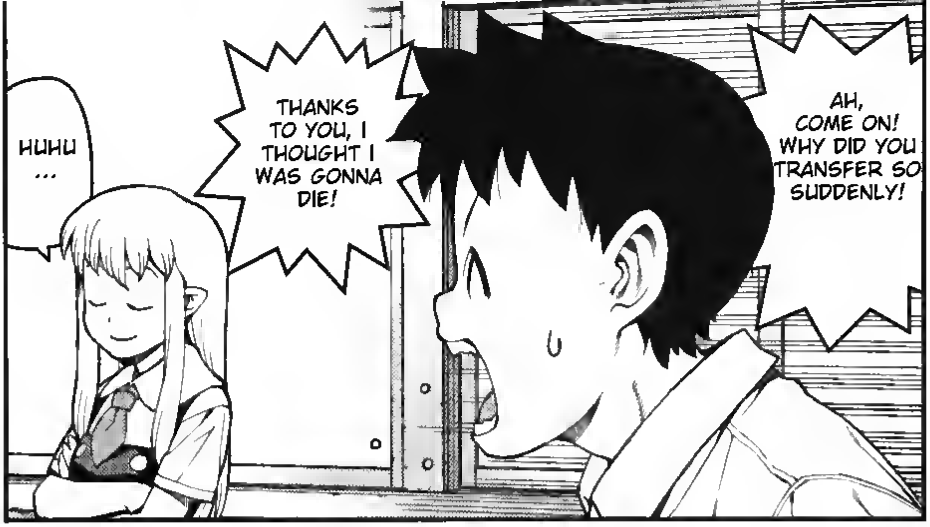
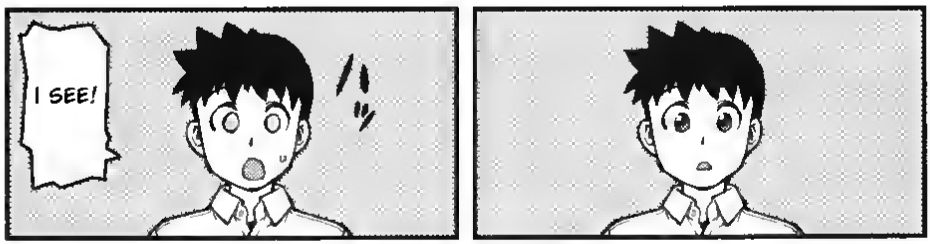
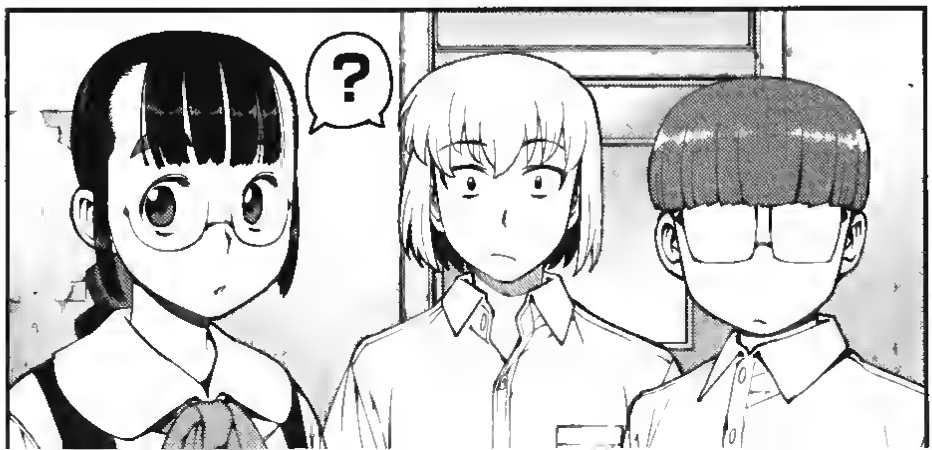
TO THINK THAT LITTLE KID AND MISS OBINA WERE THE SAME PERSON
AND A TSUKU-MOGAMI ...
OH, SO THAT'S IT...


HUHU ...
THANKS TO YOU, I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE!
AH, COME ON! WHY DID YOU TRANSFER SO SUDDENLY!

HOW MUCH MORE CONVENIENT IT IS FOR US?
DO YOU REALLY NOT SEE IT?


I SEE!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UM..
TO BE HONEST...
SAY IT YOURSELF, KAZUYA.
AH, OK.
I'M THINKING ABOUT, STARTING TODAY,
ESTAB-LISHING THIS ROOM AS A COUNSELLING OFFICE!

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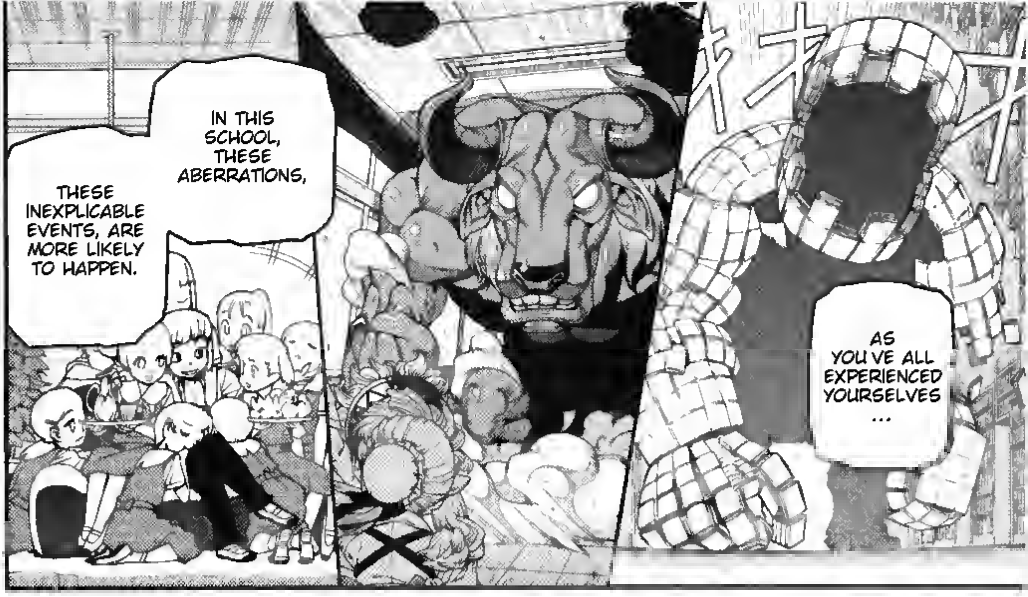
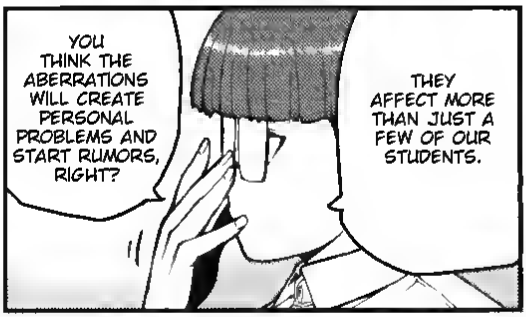
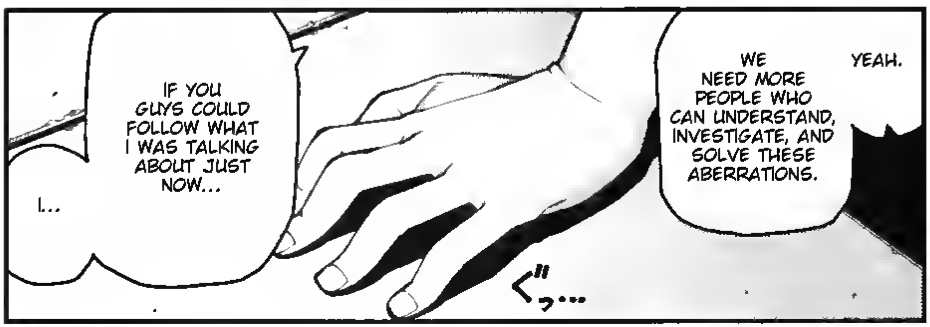

IN THIS SCHOOL, THESE ABERRATIONS,
THESE INEXPLICABLE EVENTS, ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN.
AS YOU'VE ALL EXPERIENCED YOURSELVES ...

SO, I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THEM QUICKLY.
THE DISTURBANCES WILL GET MORE SEVERE AS TIME GOES ON.

SO WE'LL MAKE A COUNSELLING OFFICE TO FIND THEM?


YOU THINK THE ABERRATIONS WILL CREATE PERSONAL PROBLEMS AND START RUMORS, RIGHT?
THEY AFFECT MORE THAN JUST A FEW OF OUR STUDENTS.


IF YOU GUYS COULD FOLLOW WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT JUST NOW...
I...
WE NEED MORE PEOPLE WHO CAN UNDERSTAND, INVESTIGATE, AND SOLVE THESE ABERRATIONS.
YEAH.

I REQUEST THAT YOU JOIN THIS CLUB.
.....

I SEE.
A CLUB FOR SOLVING ABERRATIONS INSIDE THE SCHOOL.
THAT IS AN APPROPRIATE MEASURE.
...BUT YOU DON'T SEEM ENTIRELY CONVINCED.
.....
WELL, ALRIGHT. I SHALL LISTEN TO YOU, SO TELL ME.
I-IT'S OKAY.
TELL ME.
I SAID IT'S OKAY ...

I'LL TALK.
I WON'T LET YOU OFF EASY IF YOU DON'T TELL ME.
GRAB
YES, THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY UNRELATED TO ALL THIS.
SO I THOUGHT, LET'S INVITE SHIROU, OSAMU, AND CHISATO ...
THAT'S RIGHT.
SINCE THINGS WOULD BE HAPPENING INSIDE THE SCHOOL, IT'D BE EASIER TO INVESTIGATE WITH MORE PEOPLE.
CHISATO MIGHT ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THIS, BUT ...
BUT WHAT?
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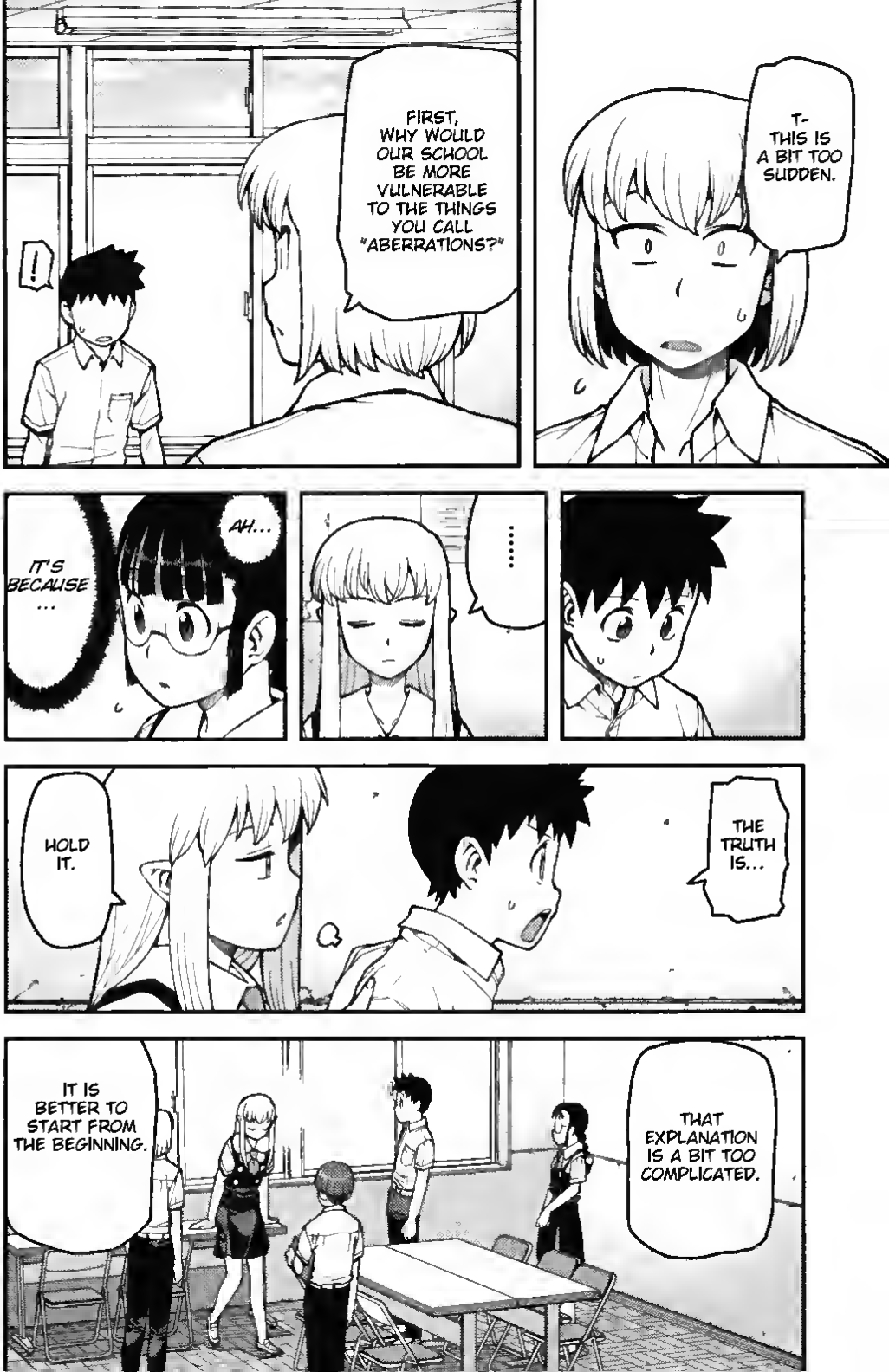
BUT ...
I WONDER WHAT SHIROU AND OSAMU WILL THINK OF ME WHEN THEY REALIZE THAT I'M THE CAUSE OF THESE ABERRATIONS.


FIRST, WHY WOULD OUR SCHOOL BE MORE VULNERABLE TO THE THINGS YOU CALL "ABERRATIONS?"
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T- THIS IS A BIT TOO SUDDEN.
AH...
IT'S BECAUSE ...
.....
HOLD IT.
THE TRUTH IS...
IT IS BETTER TO START FROM THE BEGINNING.
THAT EXPLANATION IS A BIT TOO COMPLICATED.

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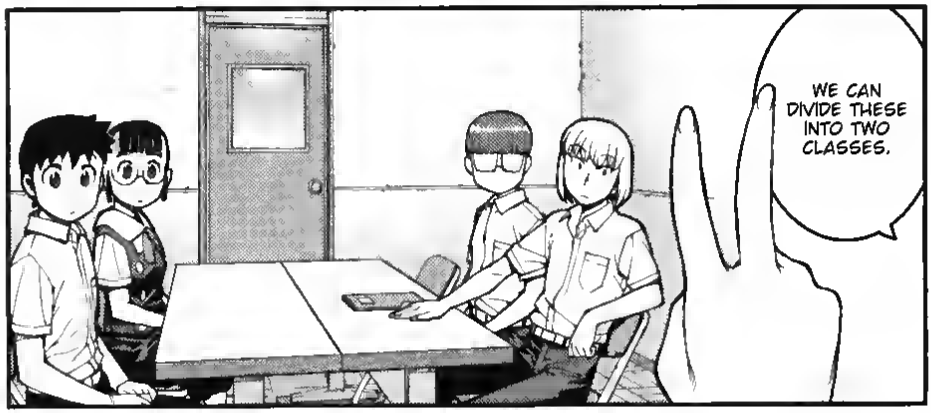
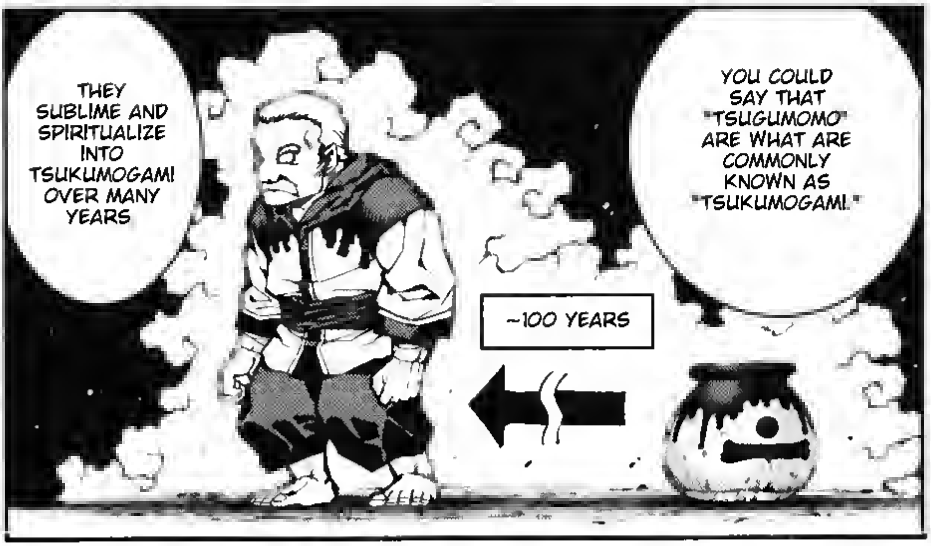
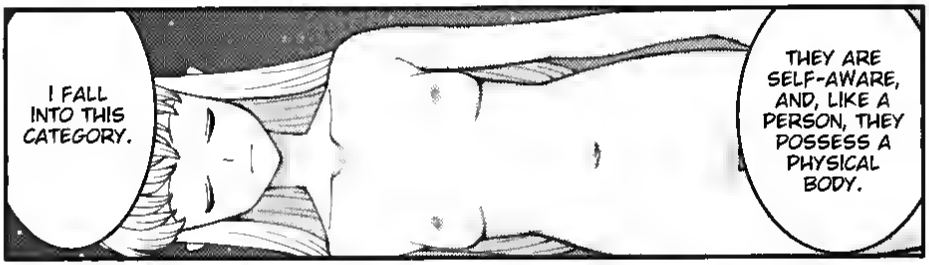
POP
FIRST, I SHALL TELL YOU ABOUT US, THE TSUKUMO-GAMI.
EVEN THOUGH KAZUYA AND CHISATO SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS ALREADY.

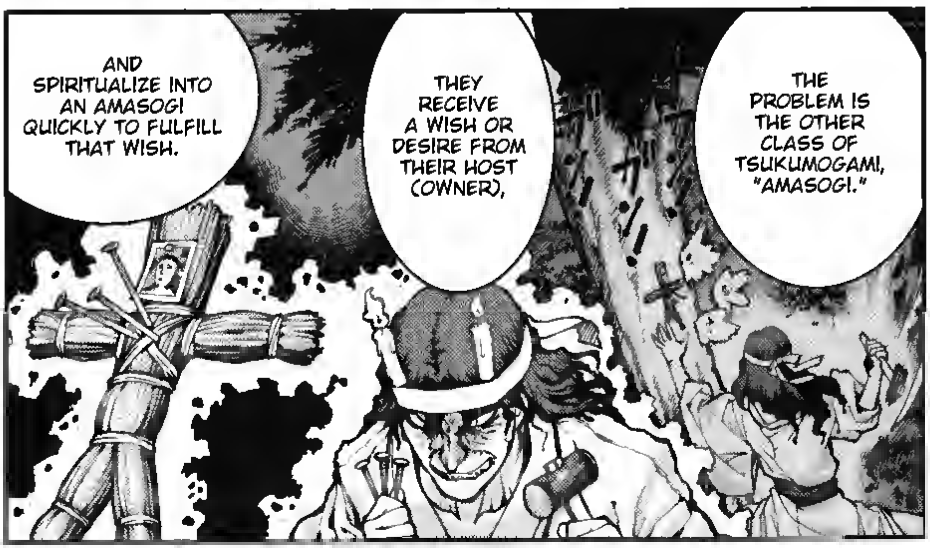
A "TSUKUMO-GAMI" IS
AN OBJECT THAT HAS AGED OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, AND GAINED A SOUL.

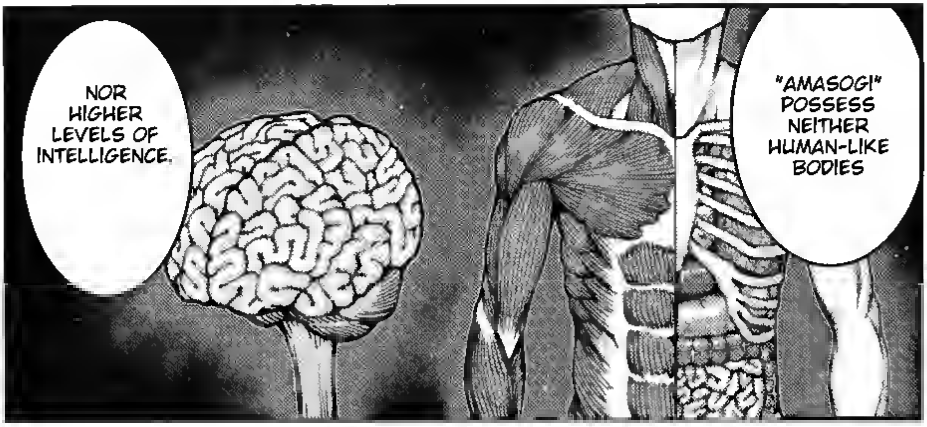

WE CAN DIVIDE THESE INTO TWO CLASSES.

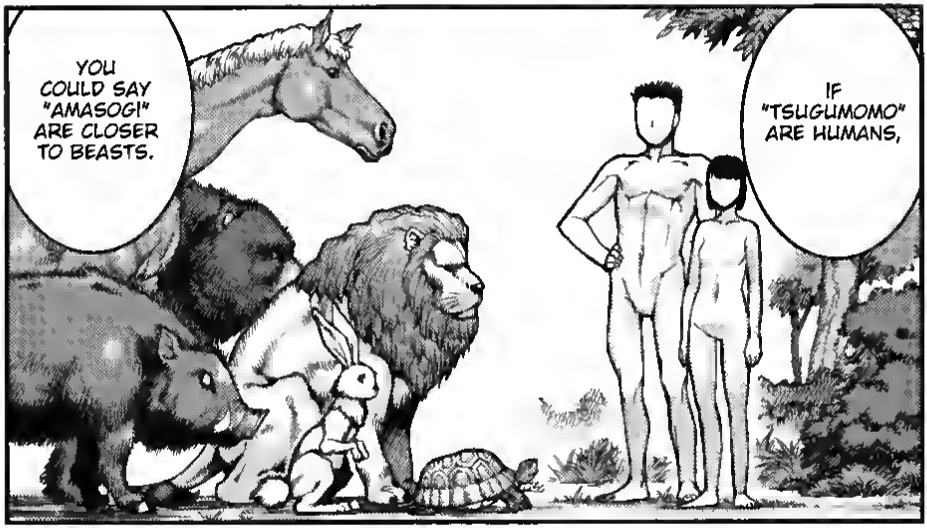
THOSE BEING "TSUGUMOMO," AND
"AMASOGI"

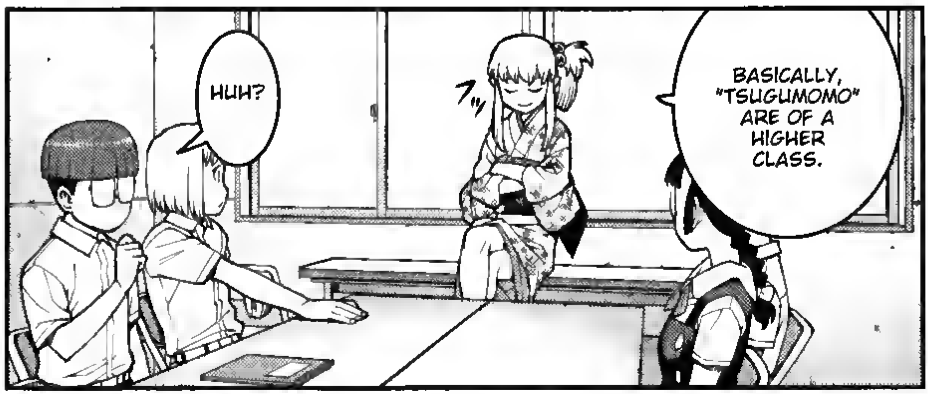

THEY SUBLIME AND SPIRITUALIZE INTO TSUKUMOGAMI OVER MANY YEARS
~100 YEARS
YOU COULD SAY THAT "TSUGUMOMO" ARE WHAT ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "TSUKUMOGAMI."


I FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY.
THEY ARE SELF-AWARE, AND, LIKE A PERSON, THEY POSSESS A PHYSICAL BODY.


AND SPIRITUALIZE INTO AN AMASOGI QUICKLY TO FULFILL THAT WISH.
THEY RECEIVE A WISH OR DESIRE FROM THEIR HOST (OWNER),
THE PROBLEM IS THE OTHER CLASS OF TSUKUMOGAMI, "AMASOGI."


"AMASOGI" POSSESS NEITHER HUMAN-LIKE BODIES
NOR HIGHER LEVELS OF INTELLIGENCE.


IF "TSUGUMOMO" ARE HUMANS,
YOU COULD SAY "AMASOGI" ARE CLOSER TO BEASTS.


BASICALLY, "TSUGUMOMO" ARE OF A HIGHER CLASS.
HUH?

HMM ...
BUT NANAKO'S AMASOGI LOOKED LIKE A HUMAN.
THAT IS BECAUSE
IT MERELY ASSUMED THAT FORM SO IT COULD GRANT NANAKO'S WISH
TO FIND THE REASON BEHIND HER SISTER'S SUICIDE.
YOU CAN THINK OF IT AS A DOLL USED IN A PLAY.
IT IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM A TSUGUMOMO'S HUMAN TRANSFORMATION.

SEE ...
DUE TO THE NATURE OF AN AMASOGI
IT OFTEN FORMS PURELY BASED ON THE HOST'S IMPULSIVE BEHAVIOR.
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BECAUSE OF THIS, IT CAN CAUSE QUITE A FEW PROBLEMS.
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WE CALL THESE "ABERRATIONS".
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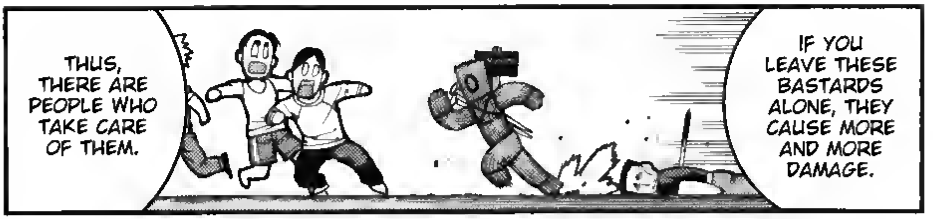
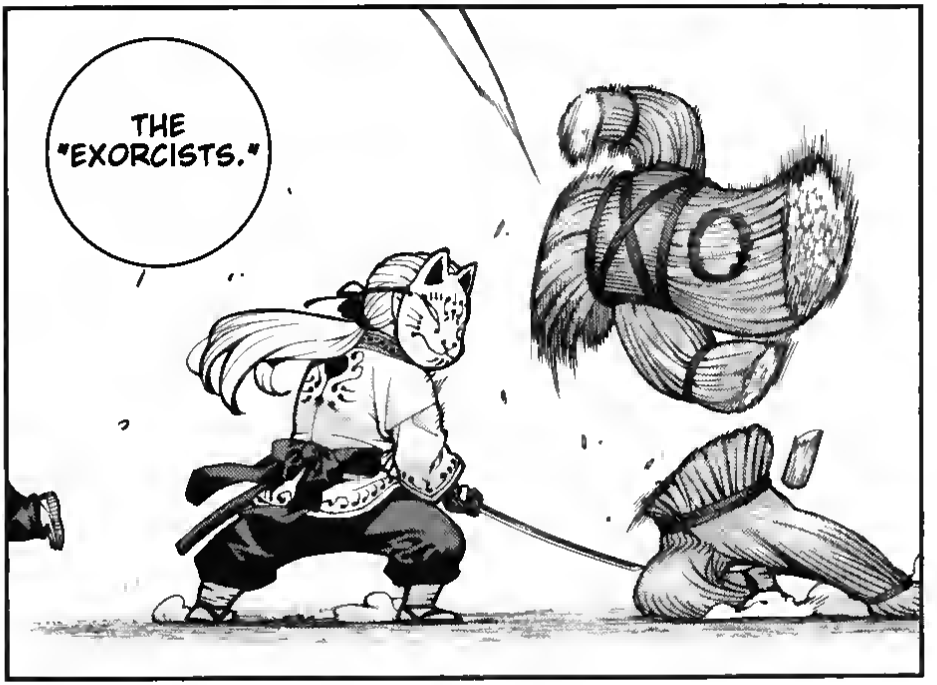

THUS, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO TAKE CARE OF THEM.
IF YOU LEAVE THESE BASTARDS ALONE, THEY CAUSE MORE AND MORE DAMAGE.


THE "EXORCISTS."
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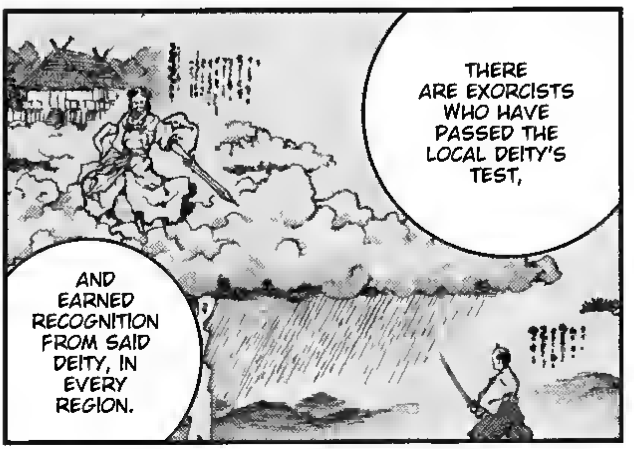
THERE ARE EXORCISTS WHO HAVE PASSED THE LOCAL DEITY'S TEST,
AND EARNED RECOGNITION FROM SAID DEITY, IN EVERY REGION.

AND ...
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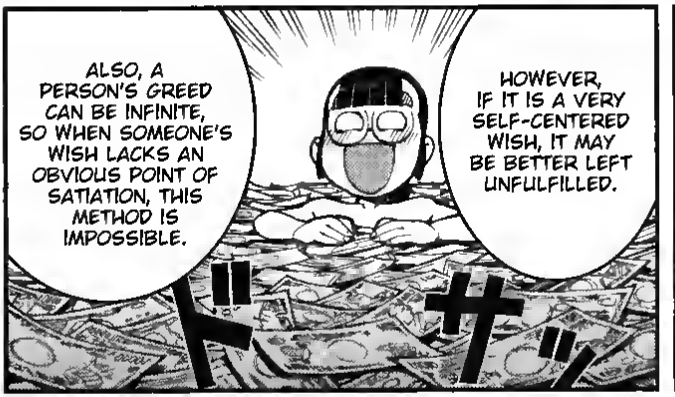
OHH ...
IS THAT SO.
SO
OUR EXORCIST HERE IN KAMIOKA IS KAZUYA HIMSELF.
EXACTLY RIGHT.
AND KAZUYA TAKES CARE OF THE AMASOGI, RIGHT?
IN OTHER WORDS, CLUB MEMBERS HELP INVESTIGATE AND ANALYZE ABERRATIONS
SURE.
I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE METHODS USED TO EXORCISE AMASOGI ...

AMASOGI EXORCISM ...
THERE ARE FOUR APPROACHES TO THIS.


HOWEVER, IF IT IS A VERY SELF-CENTERED WISH, IT MAY BE BETTER LEFT UNFULFILLED.
ALSO, A PERSON'S GREED CAN BE INFINITE, SO WHEN SOMEONE'S WISH LACKS AN OBVIOUS POINT OF SATIATION, THIS METHOD IS IMPOSSIBLE.

FIRST IS FOR THE HOST'S WISH TO BE COMPLETELY FULFILLED.
金ほしい

THIS IS THE BEST METHOD.
YOU MUST DESTROY IT!
BUT IT'S RARELY EASY, SINCE THE HOST'S OBSESSION WAS ENOUGH TO CREATE THE AMASOGI IN THE FIRST PLACE.
NEVER!
AND...

SECOND, THE HOST CAN DESTROY THE AMASOGI HERSELF.
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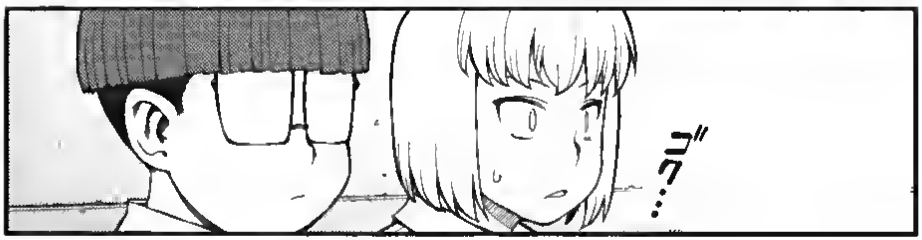
THIRD
YOU CAN KILL THE HOST.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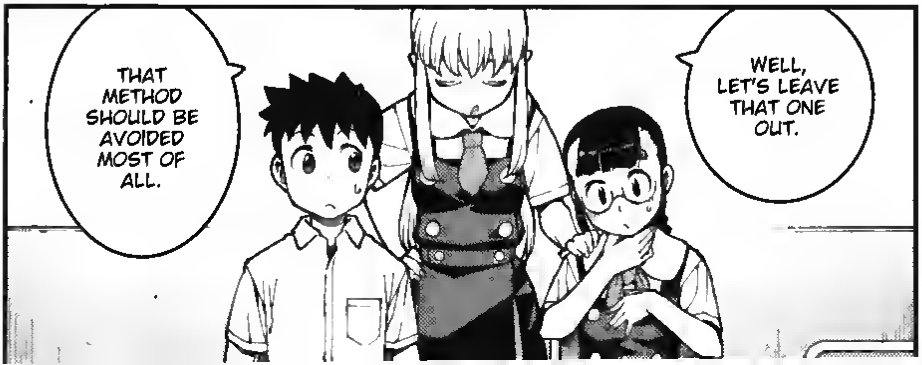
THAT METHOD SHOULD BE AVOIDED MOST OF ALL.
WELL, LET'S LEAVE THAT ONE OUT.

IS FOR AN OUTSIDER BESIDES THE HOST TO DESTROY THE AMASOGI.
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THE FOURTH AND FINAL METHOD
金ほしい
"I WANT MONEY"
THIS IS THE METHOD MOST COMMONLY USED BY EXORCISTS.
WE'RE FORCED TO USE THIS.
WHEN THE OWNER'S RESISTANCE IS SO STRONG THAT WE CAN'T USE THE FIRST OR SECOND METHOD,
BUT IT'S GOT ONE DRAWBACK.
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THE "CURSE BACKLASH."

A WISH THAT LOSES ITS FOCUS AFTER A STRANGER DESTROYS THE AMASOGI
REFLECTS THE AMASOGI'S NATURE, AND,
IN PROPORTION TO ITS SPIRITUAL POWER,
BECOMES A CURSE.
WHEN THAT CURSE RETURNS TO THE HOST,
IT IS CALLED "CURSE BACKLASH."
ジュアアア
Chisato

EXTREME ARMPIT STENCH FOR ONE WEEK
YEAH, THAT'S IT... I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE THEN!
SHIROU EXPERIENCED THAT VERY THING.
UGH!
WAIT ...
THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY ABERRATIONS OCCUR MORE FREQUENTLY AT THIS SCHOOL.
TO EXPLAIN THAT, WE WILL FIRST NEED TO EXPLAIN THE CONCEPT OF THE "CURSE" ITSELF.
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HMM ...

IT'S NORMALLY NOT VERY STRONG, BUT...
EXPAAAND
EXPAAAND
"CURSE"
IS LIKE AN INVISIBLE FOG THAT GRANTS WISHES.
SQUISH
WHACK
WHEN THE CONCENTRATION INCREASES, IT CAN POTENTIALLY DISRUPT THE ORDER OF THE WORLD.
THAT, COMBINED WITH A STRONG WISH, IS HOW AN AMASOGI IS BORN.

SO I'M ASKING, WHY DOES THE CURSE GATHER HERE SO READILY?
THE REASON WHY ABERRATIONS OCCUR HERE SO FREQUENTLY IS BECAUSE THE CURSE GATHERS AT THIS SCHOOL READILY.
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BECAUSE THERE IS A HUMAN IN THIS SCHOOL WHO, BY HIS NATURE, ALLOWS THE CURSE TO ACCUMULATE EASILY.
BECAUSE ABERRATIONS OFTEN OCCUR AROUND THESE CHILDREN, PEOPLE TEND TO AVOID THEM.
IN ANY ERA, ANY PLACE, THERE ARE CHILDREN BORN LIKE THAT.
THEY ARE CALLED "TABOO CHILDREN."

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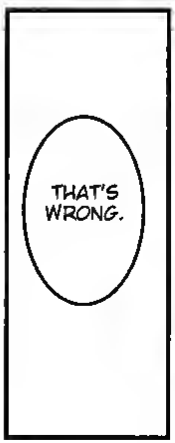
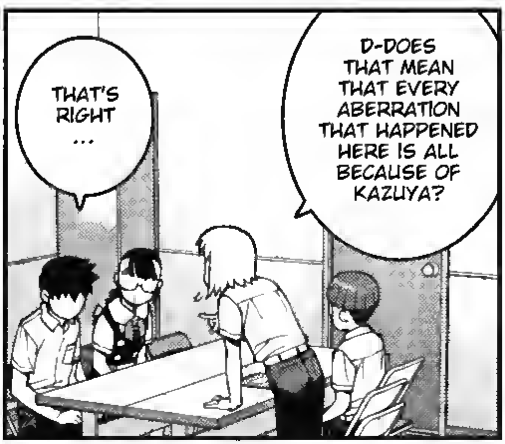
THAT "TABOO CHILD" IS ME.
I'LL BE HONEST.

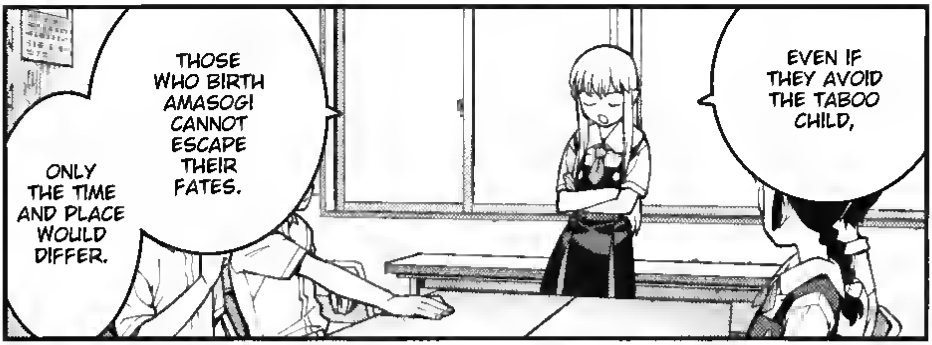

THAT'S WRONG.

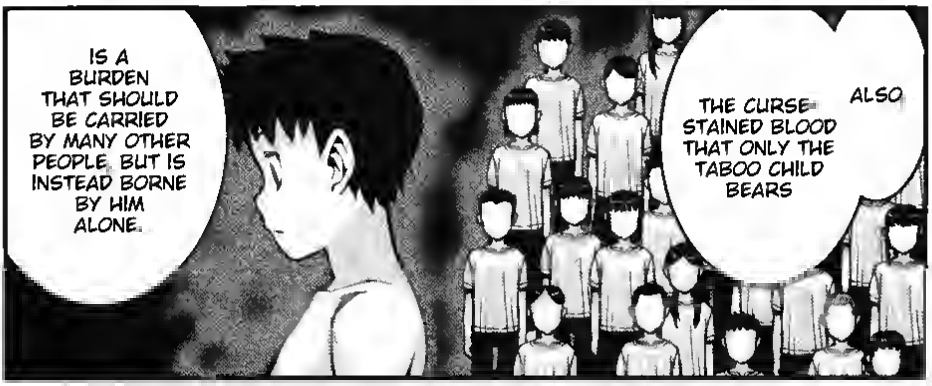
SO I WANTED TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS MYSELF ...


THAT'S RIGHT ...
D-DOES THAT MEAN THAT EVERY ABERRATION THAT HAPPENED HERE IS ALL BECAUSE OF KAZUYA?

A TABOO CHILD IS NOT GUILTY OF ANY-THING.
BUT THE WEAK OF MIND ARE AT FAULT FOR TRYING TO GET A WISH GRANTED BY BORROWING ANOTHER'S POWER.
IT IS CORRECT THAT THE CURSE CONCENTRATION IS HIGHER AROUND TABOO CHILDREN, WHICH MAKES IT EASIER FOR AMASOGI TO APPEAR.
YOU CAN'T BLAME OTHERS FOR THAT.
AND USING ITS POWER IS THEIR OWN DECISION.
DESPITE KNOWING INSTINCTIVELY THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE DONE, GIVING IN TO AN AMASOGI'S TEMPTATION

...
THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT HE ATTRACTS.
B-BUT DOESN'T THE TABOO CHILD HAVE AN INFLUENCE?
TABOO GROUND. TABOO OBJECTS... THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS LIKE THOSE AROUND
BEINGS POSSESSING POWER LIKE THAT OF A TABOO CHILD
AND THERE ARE ALSO DAYS THAT SIMPLY HAVE HIGHER CURSE CONCENTRATIONS.
THUS, PLACES WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION WILL OFTEN FORM CURSE DRIFTS.
ON TOP OF THAT, THE CURSES HAVE A TENDENCY TO GRAVITATE TOWARDS EACH OTHER.


EVEN IF THEY AVOID THE TABOO CHILD,
THOSE WHO BIRTH AMASOGI CANNOT ESCAPE THEIR FATES.
ONLY THE TIME AND PLACE WOULD DIFFER.


ALSO
THE CURSE-STAINED BLOOD THAT ONLY THE TABOO CHILD BEARS
IS A BURDEN THAT SHOULD BE CARRIED BY MANY OTHER PEOPLE, BUT IS INSTEAD BORNE BY HIM ALONE.

KIRIHA
...

THE TABOO CHILD DID NOTHING WRONG.

WELL ...
THAT MAKES SENSE.
I DECIDED TO USE THAT PERFUME MYSELF.
SO IT'S MY RESPONS-IBILITY.
THAT'S NOT KAZUYA'S FAULT.

WHAT MATTERS IS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO STAY IN CONTROL OF THEMSELVES.
IT SEEMS AMASOGI ARE JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE TRIALS.
PEOPLE GO THROUGH MANY TRIALS THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES.
I WANTED TO HELP RIGHT FROM THE START.
I'LL STILL BE IN THE MANGA RESEARCH CLUB, BUT I'LL HELP YOU OUT.
WELL, IF YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT, I'M UP FOR IT.
GUYS ...

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
COME IN!
OUR OUTSIDE CONTACTS HAVE ARRIVED.
OUTSIDE CONTACTS?
HAHAHA! YOU GUYS HAVE ALREADY STARTED!
hello
hello
KAMIOKA EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL, YEAR 1 CLASS 4, NEWSPAPER CLUB: NANAKAI NANAKO.
KAMIOKA EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL, YEAR 3 CLASS 3, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT: TADATA TADATAKA.

HUH? WHY ARE YOU TWO HERE?
HEHE.
DIDN'T YOU WONDER WHY YOU COULD USE THIS ROOM RIGHT AWAY?

I HAD ALREADY TALKED TO THESE TWO BEFORE.
THEY HAD WORK WITH THEIR CLUB OR STUDENT COUNCIL, SO THEY SAID THEY'D COLLABORATE AS OUTSIDERS INSTEAD.

I caused you a lot of trouble Kagami-kun.
I'm inexperienced but I'll try my best to help
I caused you a lot of trouble, Kagami-kun. I'm inexperienced, but I'll try

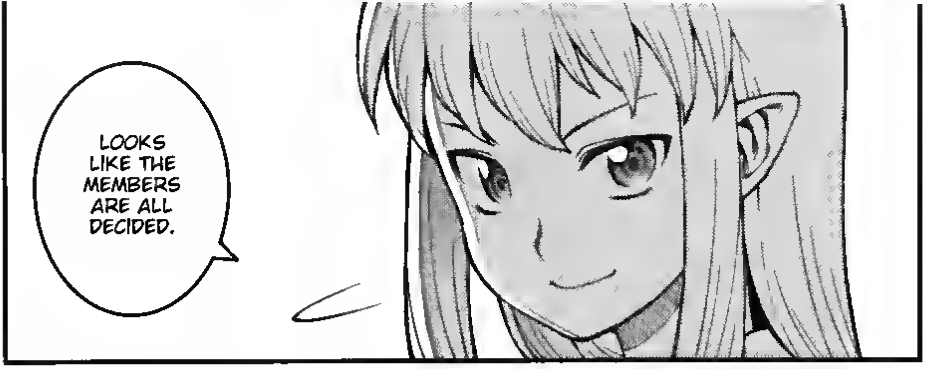
IF IT'S FOR YOU, KAZUYA, IT'S A NO-BRAINER.
I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN!

Tap
EVEN THOUGH YOU GUYS ARE SUFFERING FROM CURSE BACKLASH ALL BECAUSE OF ME...
I ALREADY SAID THAT TABOO CHILDREN AREN'T TO BLAME.
NANAKO!
THEN, ALSO ...
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
THOSE TWO AREN'T SO HEARTLESS THEY'D PIN THEIR MISTAKES ON SOMEONE ELSE.

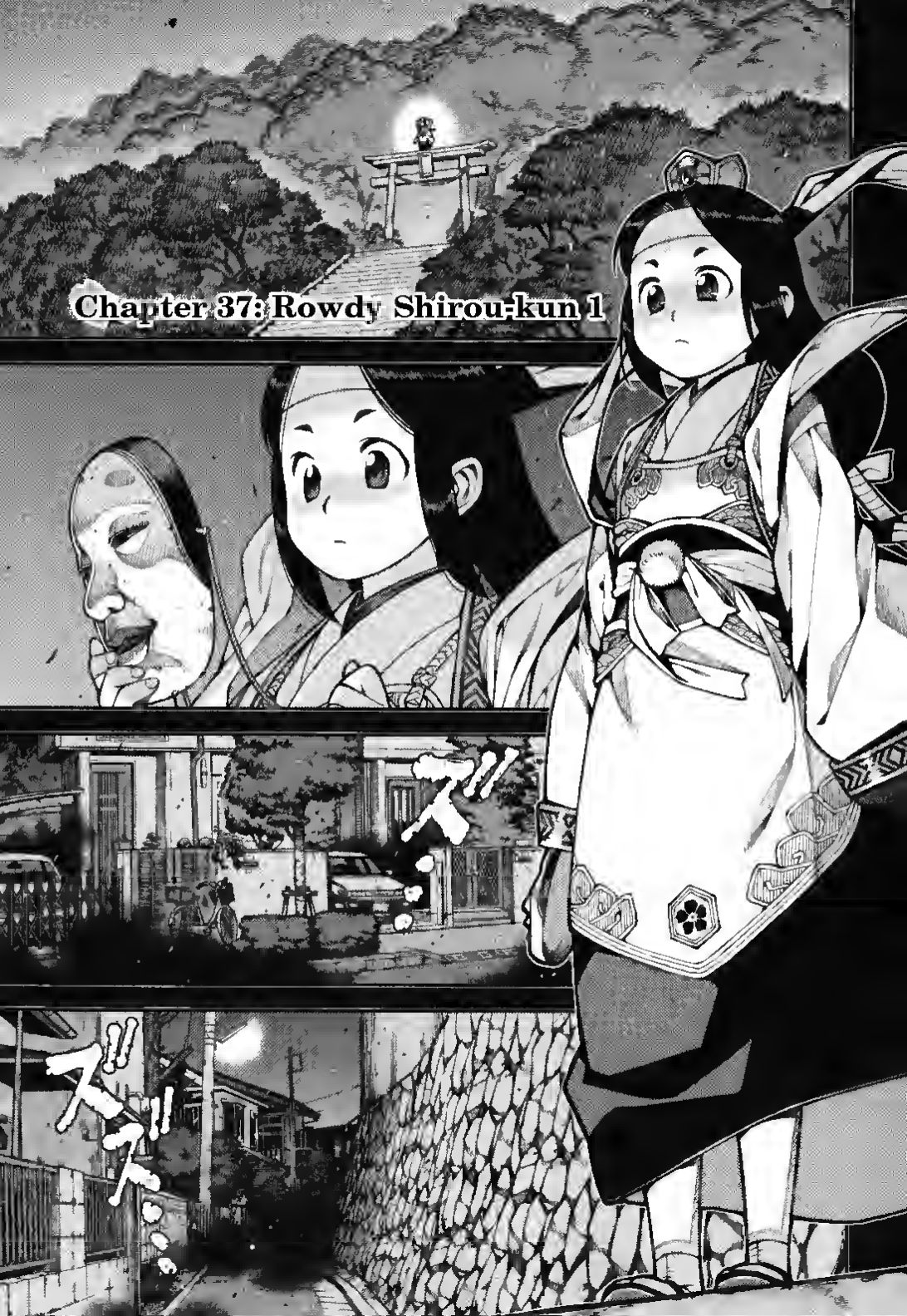
K
To Kagami
I am thanking
h
him so
HER-
HER VOICE!
THANK GOD...!
It doesn't come out that well right now, but it's getting better

HEHE... KAZUYA...
HOPE HAS BEGUN TO SHOW ITSELF FOR ME, TOO!
BOING
BUAHA HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA HAHA!!
HAHAHA
My word
Ohoo
THOSE TWO ACCEPTED THEIR SINS AND TRIED TO OVERCOME THEM.
THE HEAVENS HELP THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.

THAT MAKES THE CURSE BACKLASH WEAKER.
It's my fault...
IT'S YOUR FAULT!
THEY WON'T GET THE SAME RESULTS IF THEY TRY TO BLAME IT ON OTHERS.
SO THERE'S NO POINT IN YOU TRYING TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY. IT WILL JUST MAKE THINGS WORSE FOR THEM.
POKE
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
YES ...
THANK YOU!


LOOKS LIKE THE MEMBERS ARE ALL DECIDED.

THE COUNSELLING OFFICE IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!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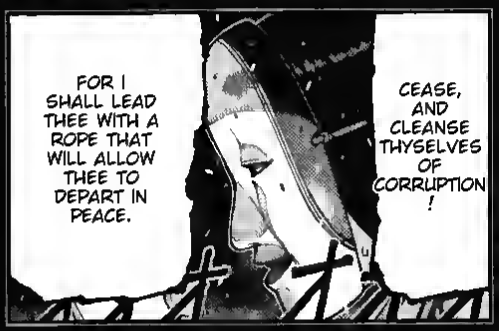
FOR I SHALL LEAD THEE WITH A ROPE THAT WILL ALLOW THEE TO DEPART IN PEACE.
CEASE, AND CLEANSE THYSELVES OF CORRUPTION !
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THOSE WHO ARE LOST AND CANNOT FIND THEIR WAY...
THE CORRUPTION THAT SPREADS THROUGHOUT THIS TOWN ...
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PURIFY !!!!

KOKUYOU!
WELL DONE, KUKURI-SAMA.
!?
THEN LET'S EAT IT RIGHT A...
I BROUGHT YOU SOME MIZUYOKAN.
REALLY!?
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HUH?
KUKURI-SAMA!?
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EHH!? IS THAT REALLY WHAT HAPPENED !?
SHE DIDN'T SEEM THAT WELL,
SO I TICKLED A CONFESSION OUT OF HER.
W-WHAT DO WE DO!? WE SHOULD GET SOMETHING GOOD FOR HER BODY...
STOP BEING SO FLUSTERED.
DISPERSING THE CURSE SPREAD OVER THIS TOWN...
TAKING CARE OF THAT IS KUKURI'S DUTY.
WHEN YOU LEAVE ABERRATIONS ALONE, THE CURSE BECOMES MORE VIOLENT, MAKING IT HARDER TO DEAL WITH.
IN OTHER WORDS ...
GETTING RID OF THE AMASOGI AS FAST AS POSSIBLE IS THE BEST THING WE CAN DO FOR KUKURI.
SO GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT.

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TCH! GETTING IN MY DAMN WAY!

JUST LEAVE IT.
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IT'S BETTER TO READ THEM AND REPLY AS SOON AS YOU CAN ...

MIZUSHIMA MITSURI
GET SET!
ON YOUR MARK!
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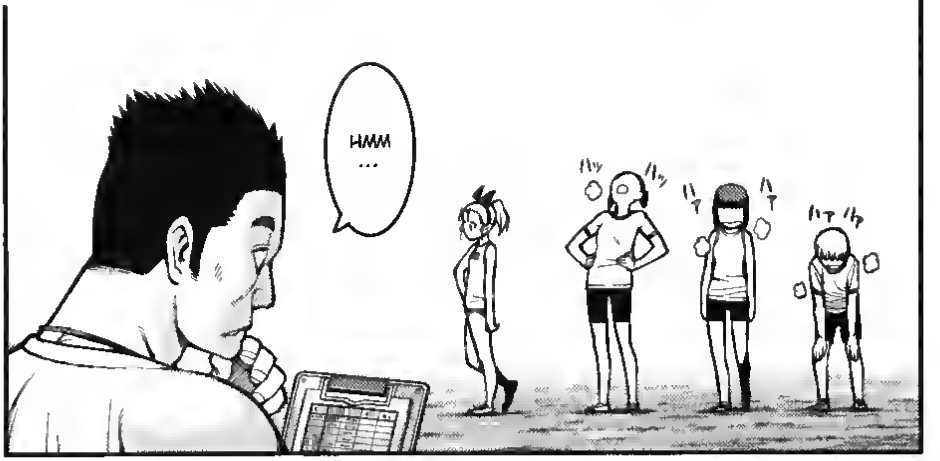
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HEY, MIZUSHIMA! COME 'ERE FOR A SECOND!

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING ALL THAT TALENT, HUUH?
YOU BEAT YOUR RECORD AGAIN!
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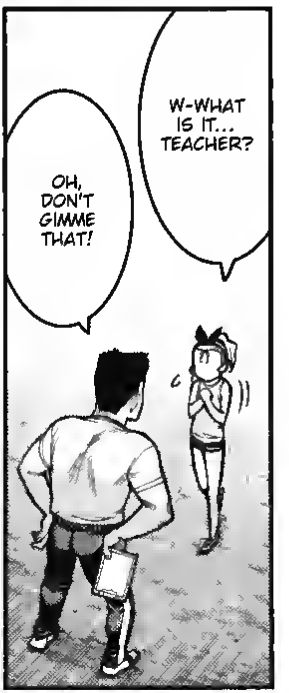
W-WHAT IS IT... TEACHER?
OH, DON'T GIMME THAT!

WASN'T THIS YOUR GOAL? IT'S OK TO BE A BIT HAPPIER ABOUT IT.
WHAT'S WRONG?
T-THANK YOU..
?
HEY!
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QUIT BOTHERING MITTSUN, TEACHER!
MANAKA MANA

YOU BEAT ME IN THE 100M!
BY THE WAY, THAT WAS REALLY AWESOME, MITTSUN!
AH...
LOOKS LIKE NOW I NEED TO SET MITTSUN AS MY TARGET INSTEAD.
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THANK YOU, MANANA!
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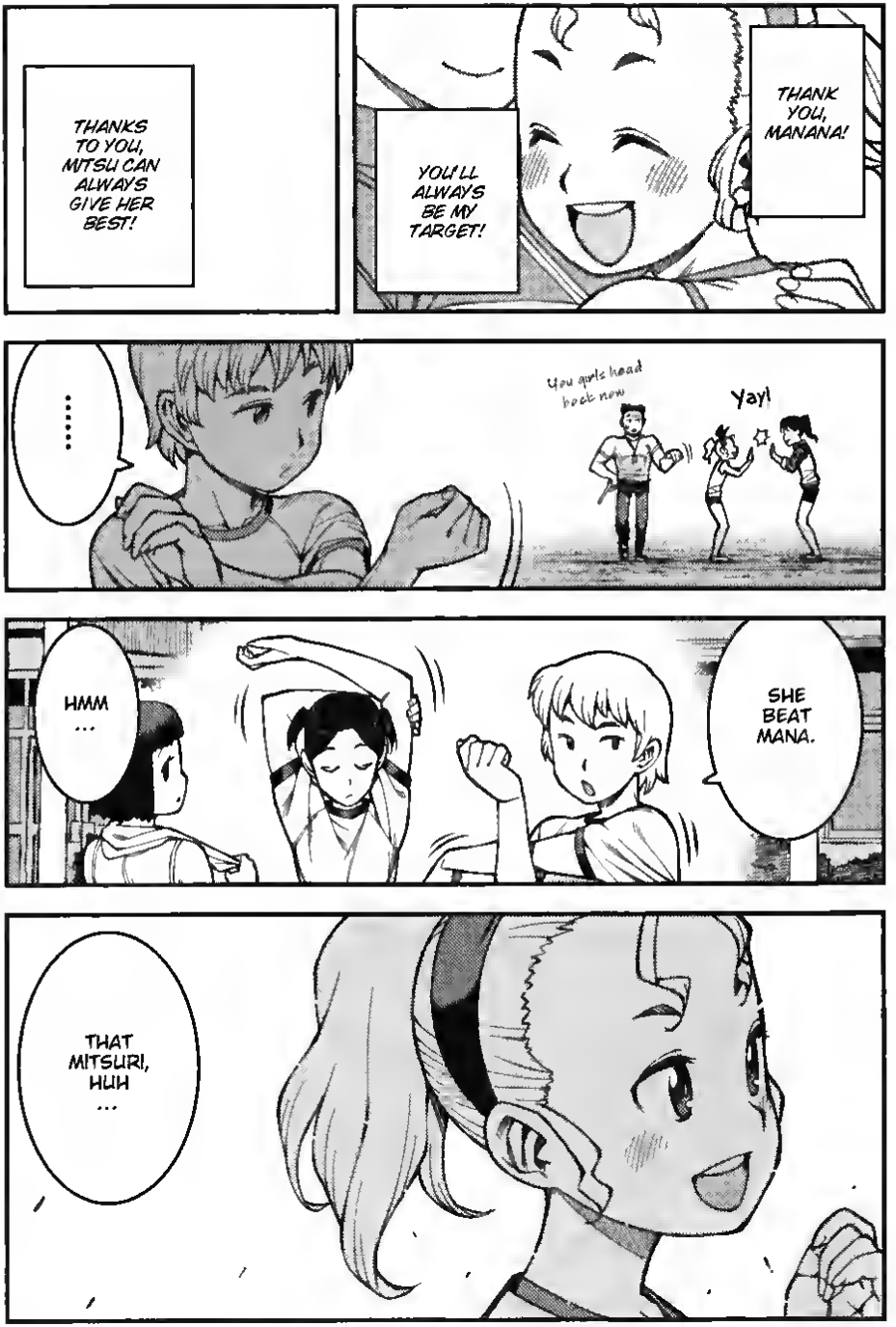
THANKS TO YOU, MITSU CAN ALWAYS GIVE HER BEST!
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY TARGET!
THANK YOU, MANANA!
.....
You girls head back now
Yay!
HMM ...
SHE BEAT MANA.
THAT MITSURI, HUH ...

Counselling Room
I...
AM IN A BIT OF TROUBLE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF A VERY CLINGY GUY...

SO, WHO IS THIS GUY?
カタカタカタカタカタカタ
I'M HAPPY HE LIKES ME,
BUT HE'S A BIT TOO PUSHY ...
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S GOING AFTER OTHER GIRLS AT THE SAME TIME...
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IT'S SHIRAMINE SHIROU...
COULD YOU MAKE HIM STOP?
LEAVE IT TO US.

SIMPLY SHAMELESS !!
SHAME-LESS!!
WE'VE HAD NOTHING BUT COMPLAINTS ABOUT SHIROU!!
EVER SINCE WE FOUNDED THIS CLUB,
JUST REFLECT ON THAT! REFLECT!
ALRIGHT ...
Consultation requests
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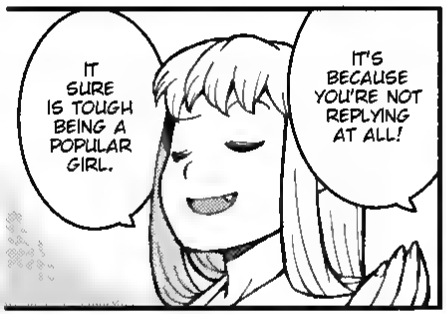
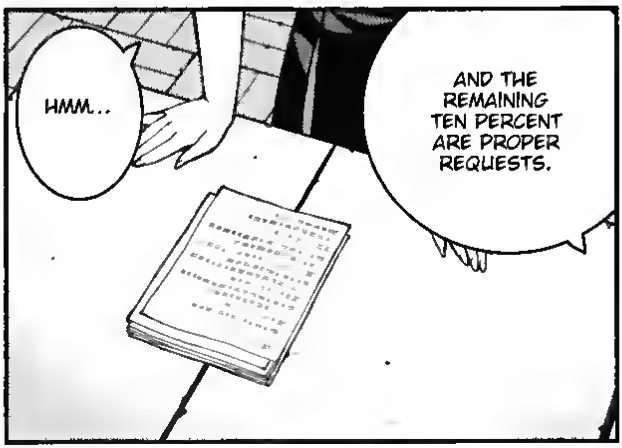
LET'S REVIEW OUR REQUESTS SO FAR.

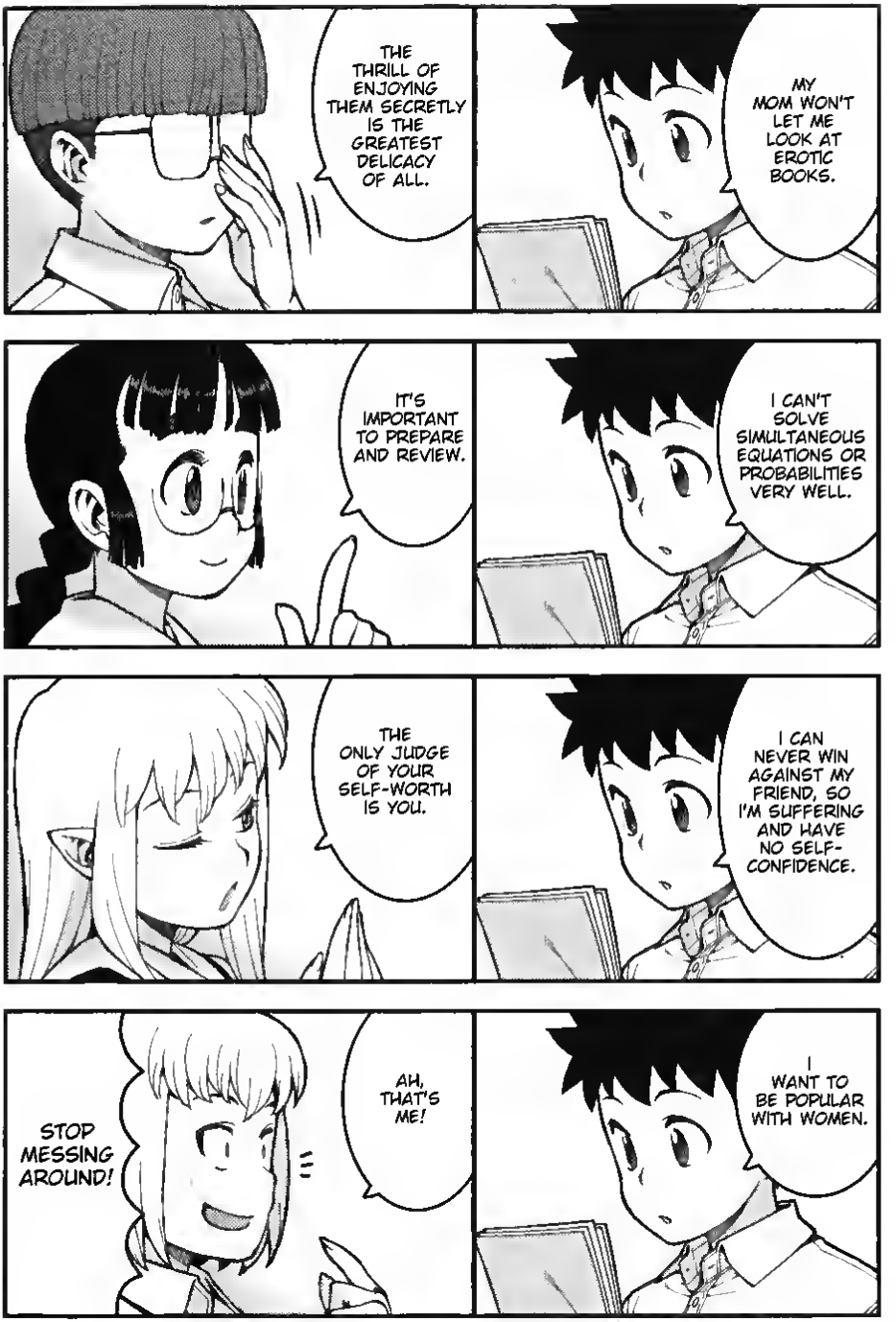

IT SURE IS TOUGH BEING A POPULAR GIRL.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT REPLYING AT ALL!

TWENTY PERCENT ARE FROM PEOPLE EXPRESSING THEIR LOVE TO KIRIHA ...

SEVENTY PERCENT ARE SHIRAMINE-RELATED INCIDENTS ...

SOME OF THOSE PROBABLY INVOLVE ABERRATIONS.


HMM...
AND THE REMAINING TEN PERCENT ARE PROPER REQUESTS.


MY MOM WON'T LET ME LOOK AT EROTIC BOOKS.
THE THRILL OF ENJOYING THEM SECRETLY IS THE GREATEST DELICACY OF ALL.
I CAN'T SOLVE SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS OR PROBABILITIES VERY WELL.
IT'S IMPORTANT TO PREPARE AND REVIEW.
I CAN NEVER WIN AGAINST MY FRIEND, SO I'M SUFFERING AND HAVE NO SELF-CONFIDENCE.
THE ONLY JUDGE OF YOUR SELF-WORTH IS YOU.
I WANT TO BE POPULAR WITH WOMEN.
AH, THAT'S ME!
STOP MESSING AROUND!

THOUGH, IT WOULDN'T BE TOO OUT OF PLACE IF SOMETHING POPPED UP, CONSIDERING THIS CURSE FORECAST.
HMM... I DON'T SEE ANYTHING THAT COULD POTENTIALLY RESULT IN ABERRATIONS.
どどど
VERY TRUE. LET'S CALL IT QUITS FOR TODAY THEN.
WELL, NOTHING HAPPENING IS A GOOD THING.
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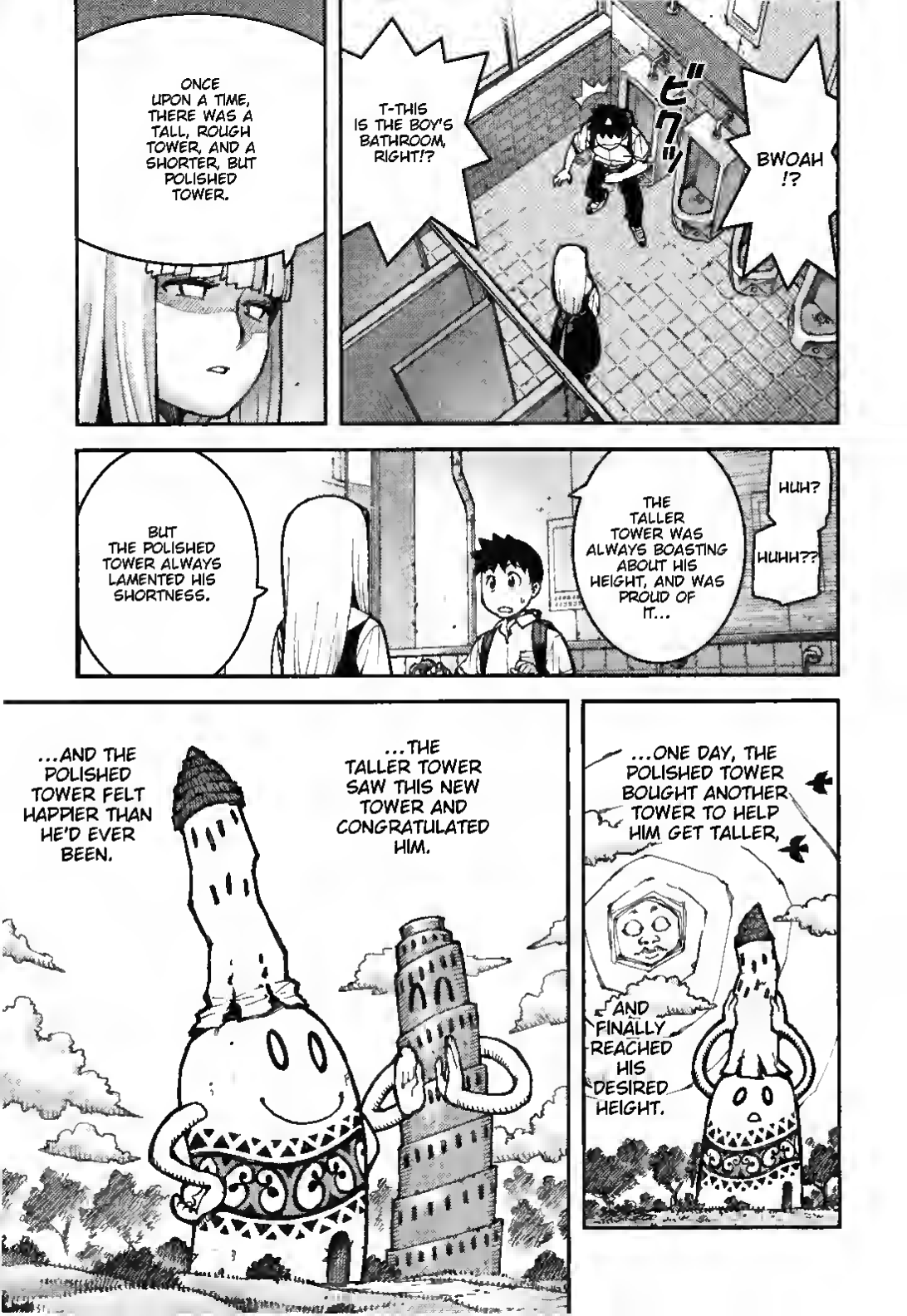
A GIRL FROM THE TRACK TEAM! I ASKED HER TO COME WITH A LOOOVE LETTER.
じゃ!
DON'T YOU EVER GET TIRED OF THIS!?
WHO?
TAP
REFLECTING
OH YEAH, I PLANNED TO MEET SOMEONE ON THE ROOF.

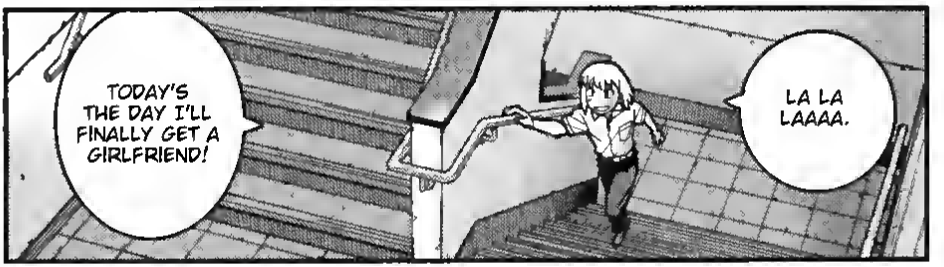
HIS FACE ISN'T BAD, BUT HE'S REALLY WASTING IT...
HOW CAN HE BE SO UTTERLY SHAMELESS?
GOOD LORD ...
ALRIGHT ...


ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A TALL, ROUGH TOWER, AND A SHORTER, BUT POLISHED TOWER.
T-THIS IS THE BOY'S BATHROOM, RIGHT!?
ビクッ!!
BWOAH !?
BUT THE POLISHED TOWER ALWAYS LAMENTED HIS SHORTNESS.
THE TALLER TOWER WAS ALWAYS BOASTING ABOUT HIS HEIGHT, AND WAS PROUD OF IT...
HUH?
HUHH??
...AND THE POLISHED TOWER FELT HAPPIER THAN HE'D EVER BEEN.
...THE TALLER TOWER SAW THIS NEW TOWER AND CONGRATULATED HIM.
...ONE DAY, THE POLISHED TOWER BOUGHT ANOTHER TOWER TO HELP HIM GET TALLER,
AND FINALLY REACHED HIS DESIRED HEIGHT.

HMM...
THERE SEEMS TO BE A DEEPER MEANING TO THIS STORY.
IS IT A FAIRY TALE?
OR DID YOU JUST MAKE IT U...
.....
HUH??
C-COULD IT BE ...
A G-G-G... GHOST!?

LET'S GO BACK QUICKLY.
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
バタンッ
GYAA!!

HA HA HA HA!!
WOAH! IT'S BEEN OUT THE ENTIRE TIME!?
KYAAA! KAZUYA! HURRY, PUT THAT BACK IN!!


TODAY'S THE DAY I'LL FINALLY GET A GIRLFRIEND!
LA LA LAAAA.

SORRY, DID YOU WAIT LOOONG?
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YOU ARE SO CUTE, MANA!
THAT FIRM BOOTY AND THOSE WELL-ROUNDED BOOBS... THAT EXHILARATING SMILE...

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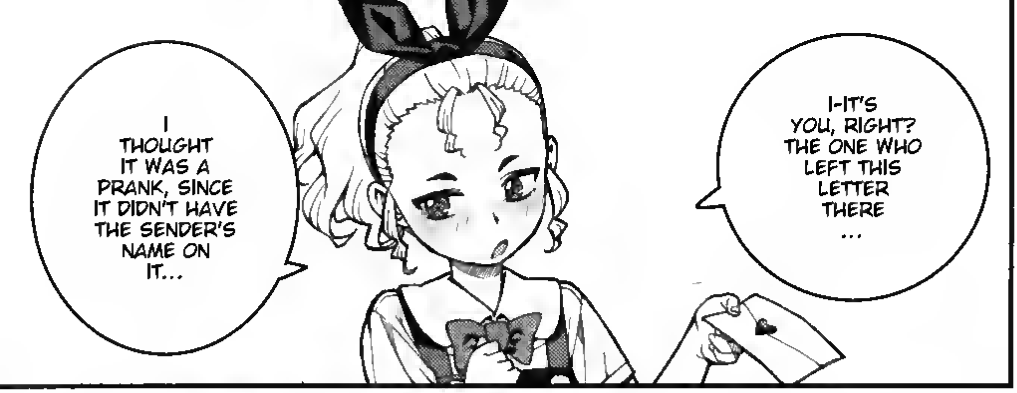
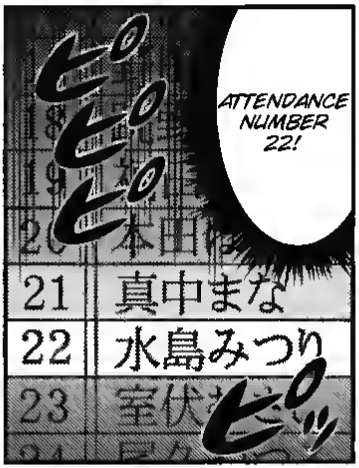
...
WHAT
...?


I-IT'S YOU, RIGHT? THE ONE WHO LEFT THIS LETTER THERE ...
I THOUGHT IT WAS A PRANK, SINCE IT DIDN'T HAVE THE SENDER'S NAME ON IT...

AH.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ATTENDANCE NUMBER 22!
21 真中まな
22 水島みつり
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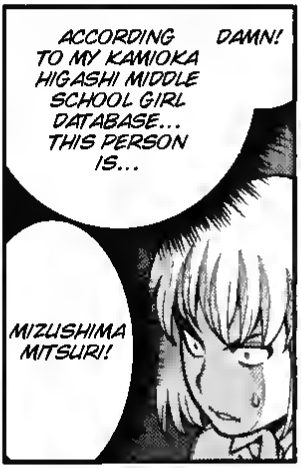
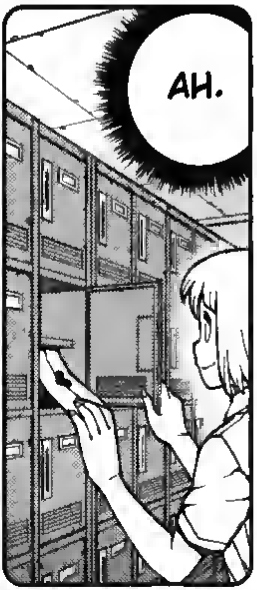
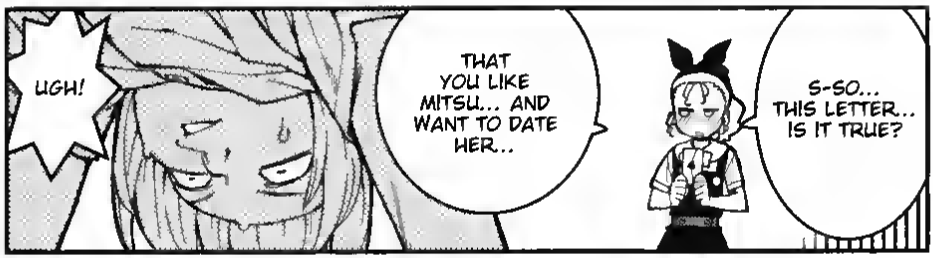

ACCORDING TO MY KAMIOKA HIGASHI MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL DATABASE... THIS PERSON IS...
DAMN!
MIZUSHIMA MITSURI!

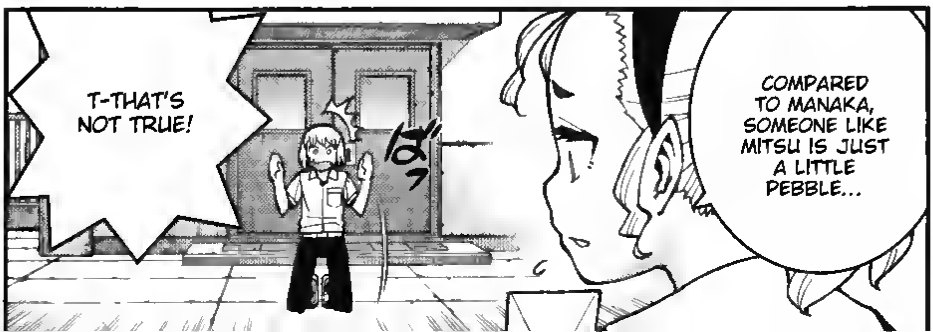
21 MANAKA MANA
22 MIZUSHIMA MITSURI
パタン!
AAAAAAAHHHH!!!


AH.

I PUT IT
IN THE WRONG PLACE
...


S-SO... THIS LETTER... IS IT TRUE?
THAT YOU LIKE MITSU... AND WANT TO DATE HER..
UGH!

IN MITSU'S CLASS, THERE IS MANANA ...
... MANAKA, WHO HAS A GOOD PERSONALITY AND LOOKS BETTER THAN ME ...
YOU'RE REALLY FINE WITH MITSU INSTEAD?
UUUGH!


COMPARED TO MANAKA, SOMEONE LIKE MITSU IS JUST A LITTLE PEBBLE...
T-THAT'S NOT TRUE!

B-BUT, UH, THAT LETTER... IT WAS ACTUALLY TO THE WRONG PERSON...
WELL, COMPARED TO MANAKA, YOU'RE PROBABLY CUTER THAN HER.
CUTER THAN MANAKA ...
CUTER THAN MANAKA.
To be honest, I planned to put it above your locker...
So...
I-I mean, isn't your attendance number 22?
I wanted to put it in the shoe locker...
YES! I UNDERSTAND!
EH?
AH!
WAIT... ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
I'M INEXPERIENCED, BUT PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!!

WAAAAIT!?
THEN, SEE YA!
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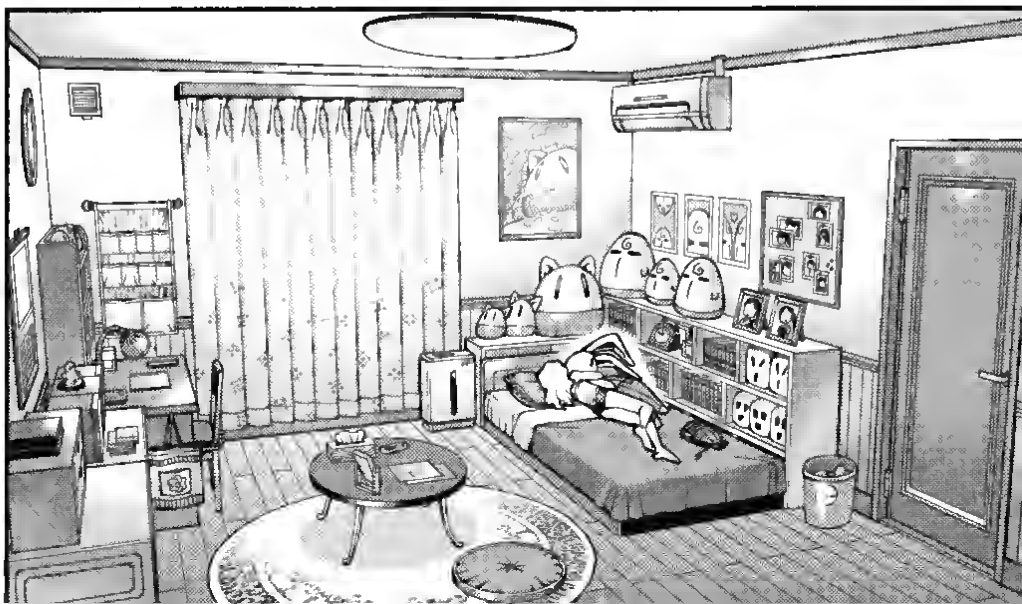
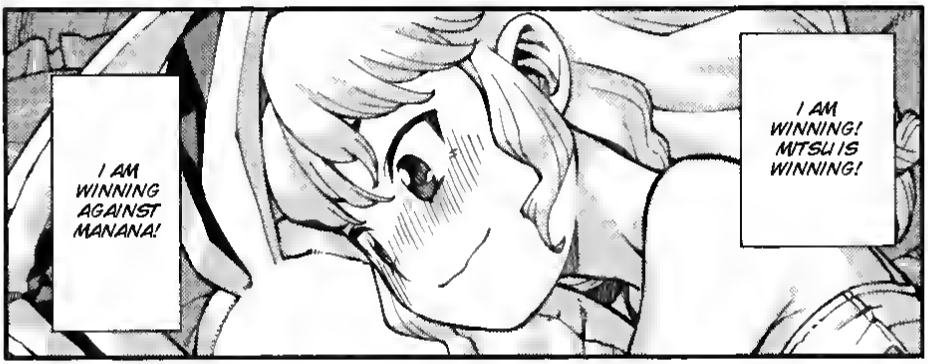


I BEAT MANANA IN THE 100M,
AND A BOY TOLD ME I WAS CUTER THAN MANANA!
MITSUI IS AWESOME!
AWESOME!


I AM WINNING AGAINST MANANA!
I AM WINNING! MITSUI IS WINNING!

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MEANWHILE, SHIROU IS...

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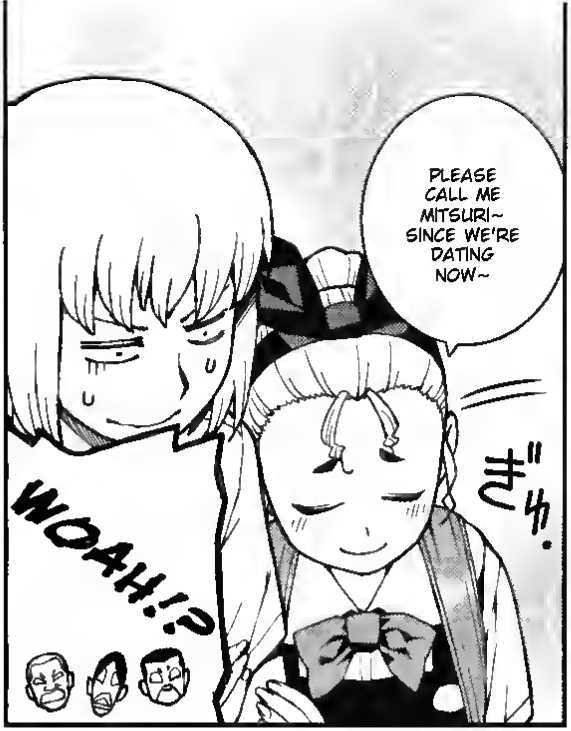
PLEASE CALL ME MITSURI~ SINCE WE'RE DATING NOW~
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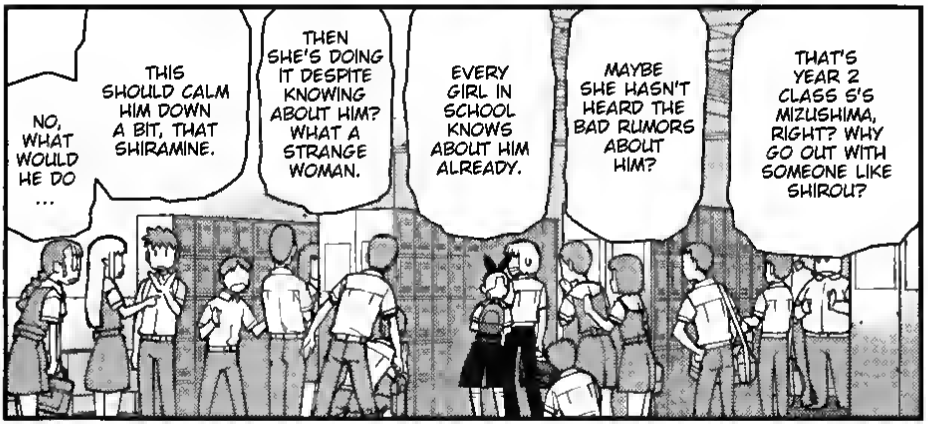
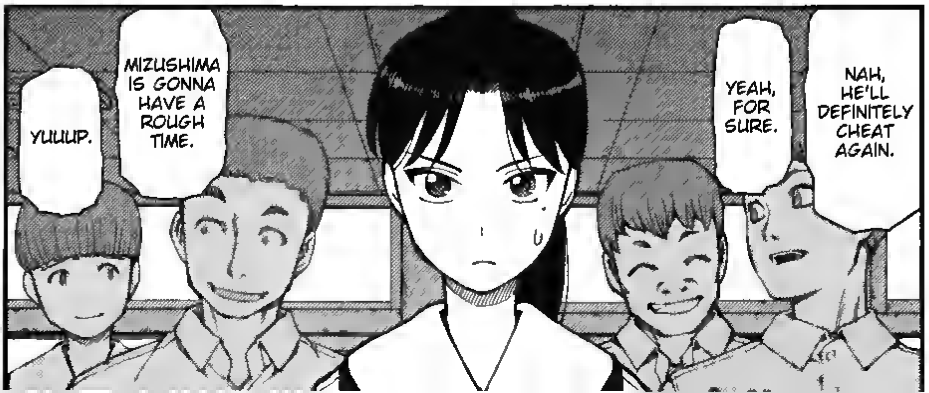
WOAH!?

UM... MIZUSHIMA ?
C-COULD YOU MAKE IT A BIT LESS OBVIOUS?


NO, WHAT WOULD HE DO ...
THIS SHOULD CALM HIM DOWN A BIT, THAT SHIRAMINE.
THEN SHE'S DOING IT DESPITE KNOWING ABOUT HIM? WHAT A STRANGE WOMAN.
EVERY GIRL IN SCHOOL KNOWS ABOUT HIM ALREADY.
MAYBE SHE HASN'T HEARD THE BAD RUMORS ABOUT HIM?
THAT'S YEAR 2 CLASS 5'S MIZUSHIMA, RIGHT? WHY GO OUT WITH SOMEONE LIKE SHIROU?


YUUUP.
MIZUSHIMA IS GONNA HAVE A ROUGH TIME.
YEAH, FOR SURE.
NAH, HE'LL DEFINITELY CHEAT AGAIN.

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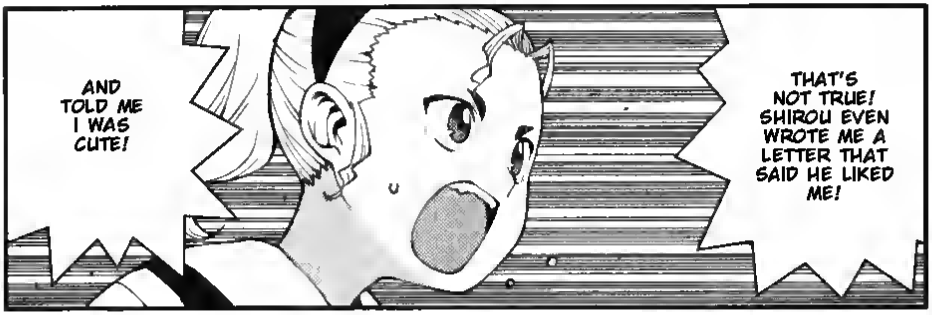
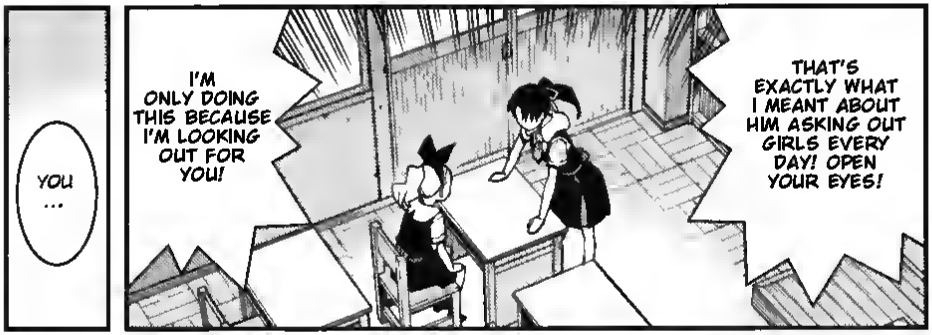
BREAK UP WITH HIM THIS INSTANT!
THIS IS MY PROBLEM ...
Y-YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS, MANANA ...

ANYWAY, THAT BASTARD IS A PLAYER WHO ASKS OUT ANY GIRL HE SEES! YOU NEED TO BREAK UP WITH HIM RIGHT AWAY!
HOW DO I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!? WE'RE FRIENDS!


AND TOLD ME I WAS CUTE!
THAT'S NOT TRUE! SHIROU EVEN WROTE ME A LETTER THAT SAID HE LIKED ME!


YOU ...
I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE I'M LOOKING OUT FOR YOU!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEANT ABOUT HIM ASKING OUT GIRLS EVERY DAY! OPEN YOUR EYES!

WHAT!?

YOU ARE ONLY SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE ACTUALLY FRUSTRATED THAT MITSURI GOT A BOYFRIEND BEFORE YOU, RIGHT!?

MITTSUN ...
YOU ARE JUST MAD THAT I AM AHEAD OF YOU! RIGHT!?
THAT MUST BE IT! SINCE YOU ALWAYS LOOKED DOWN ON MITSURI!

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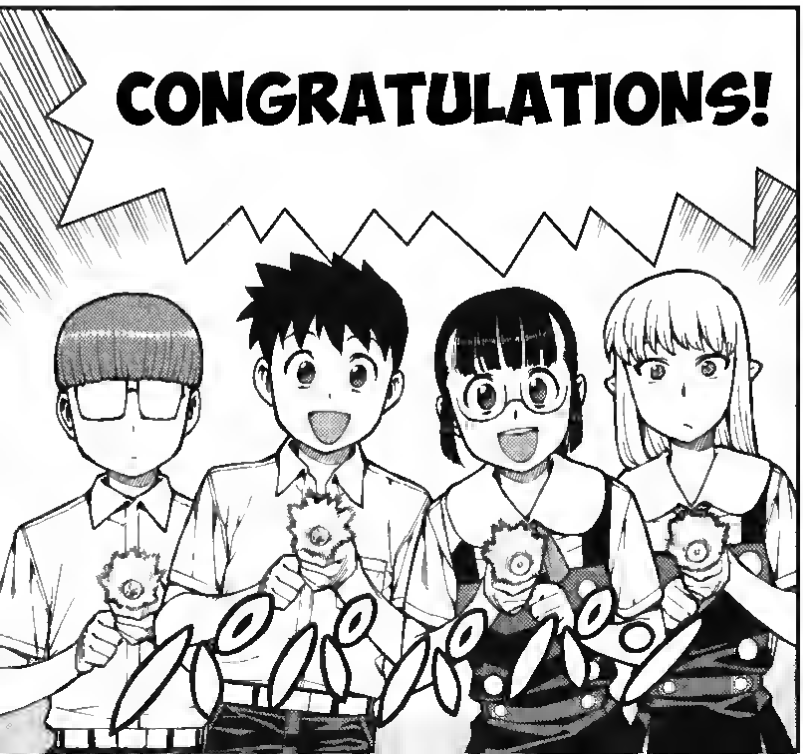
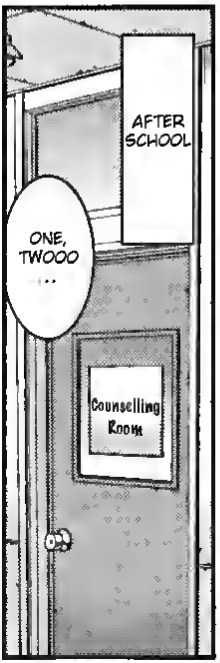
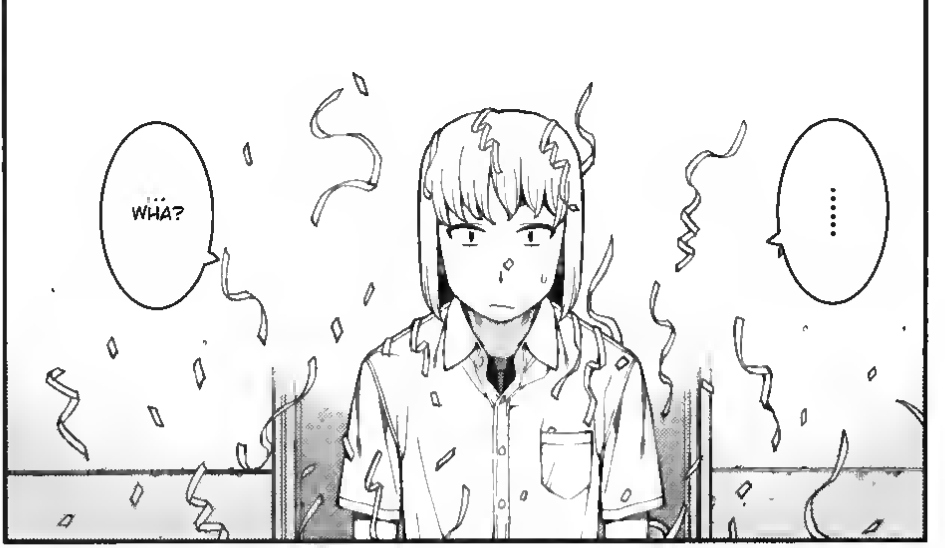
FORGET IT. JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.


CONGRATULATIONS!


AFTER SCHOOL
ONE, TWOOO ...
Counselling Room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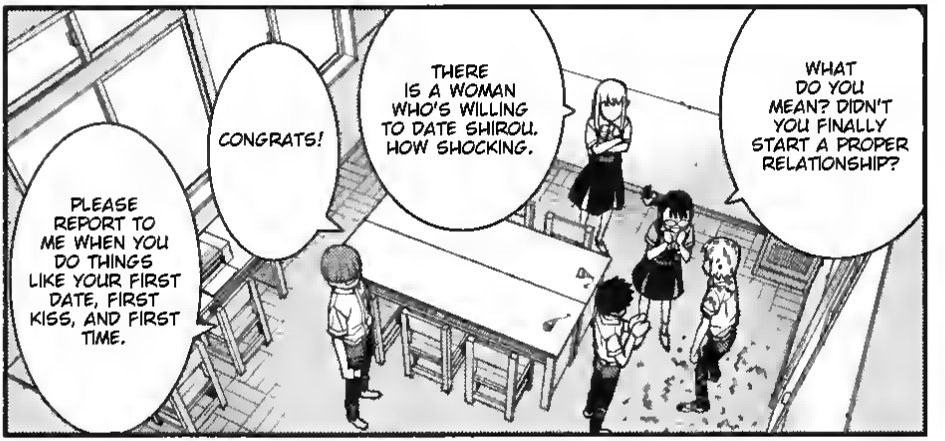
PLEASE REPORT TO ME WHEN YOU DO THINGS LIKE YOUR FIRST DATE, FIRST KISS, AND FIRST TIME.
CONGRATS!
THERE IS A WOMAN WHO'S WILLING TO DATE SHIROU. HOW SHOCKING.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? DIDN'T YOU FINALLY START A PROPER RELATIONSHIP?

I HAVE A MATTER I WANT TO CONSULT ABOUT WITH EVERYONE HERE!
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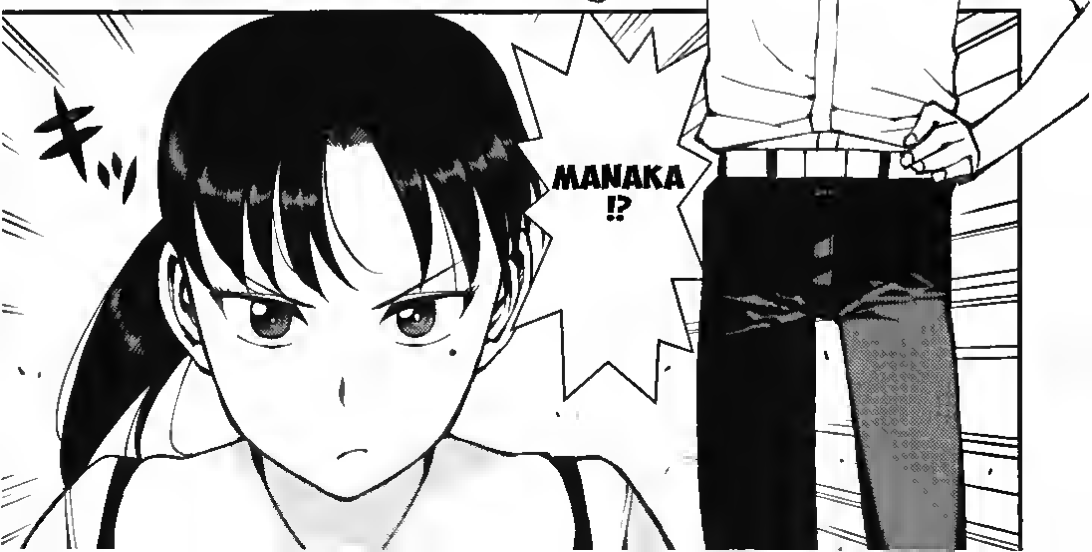
WHAT?
HUH?
... UM ...

...SO YOU ARE SAYING THAT, BECAUSE OF A MISPLACED LOVE LETTER, YOU ARE NOW GOING OUT WITH MIZUSHIMA ...
AND YOU ARE SAYING THAT YOU CAN'T TELL HER THE TRUTH YET, CORRECT?
...YES... THAT IS CORRECT ...
シュウウウ
MY WORD, I CONGRATULATED YOU FOR NOTHING!
HOW BORING... JUST HURRY UP AND TELL HER THE TRUTH.
JUST IN CASE, USE THIS BULLETPROOF VEST...
WE DON'T NEED THAT! WE SHOULDN'T, RIGHT!?
ズシ...
BUT WHEN SHE READ THE LOVE LETTER, SHE NORMALLY SHOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT IT WASN'T TO HER...
AHH... WELL, IT'S KIND OF A GENERAL LETTER, SINCE I REUSE IT A LOT ...
Didn't even write her name
THE WORST, YOU ARE THE WORST!! THIS GUY!!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT SHIRAMINE LIKED ANY GIRL AS LONG AS SHE WAS CUTE.
SO WHY DO YOU NOT WANT TO GO OUT WITH MIZUSHIMA?
... DON'T ...
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!!
LIKING ANY GIRL AS LONG AS THEY'RE CUTE!?
IT'S OBVIOUSLY NOT LIKE THAT!!
S-SORRY... I WAS A BIT TOO HARSH ON YOU...
I HATE WOMEN WHO DON'T HAVE BIG BREASTS.

ANYWAY, I NEED TO FIX THIS MISUNDERSTANDING.
THAT CLASS REP... DOESN'T SHOW ANY MERCY.
OW.
EH?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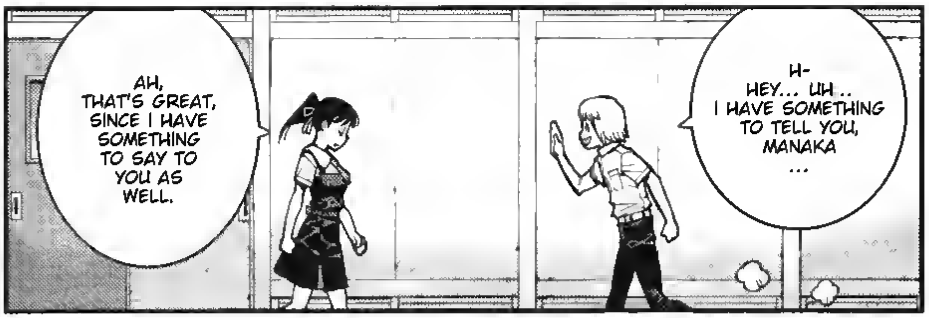
MANAKA !?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HEY... UH ..
I HAVE SOMETHING
TO TELL YOU,
MANAKA
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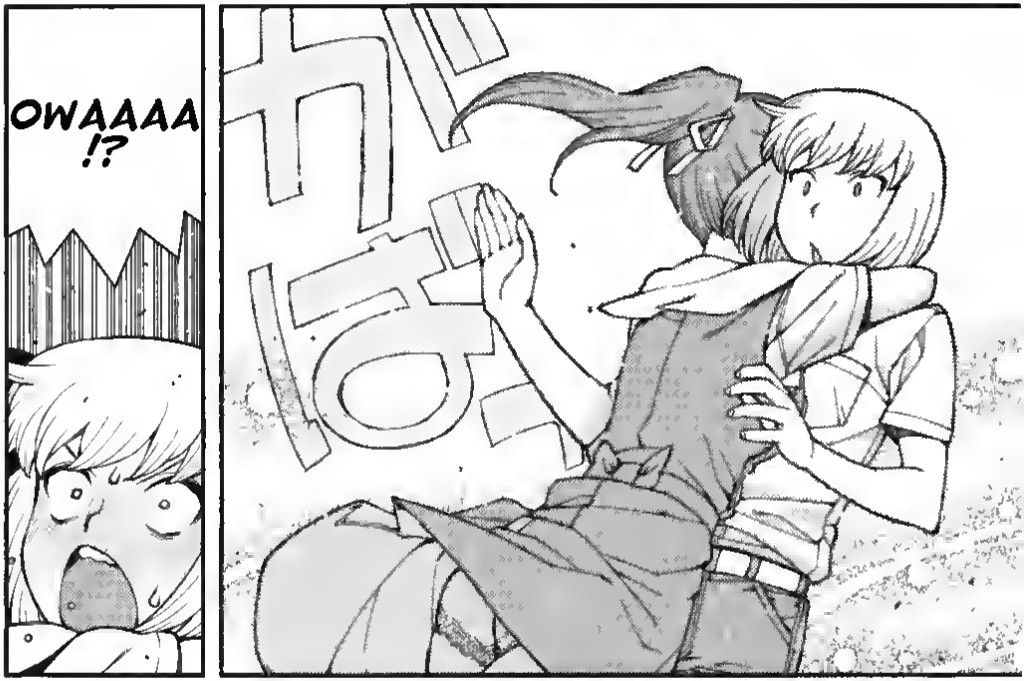
AH,
THAT'S GREAT,
SINCE I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY TO
YOU AS
WELL.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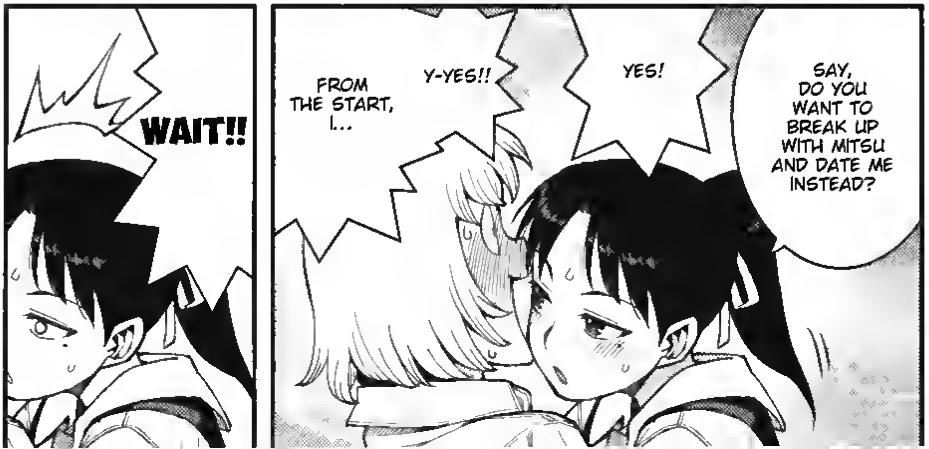
SAY,
DO YOU
WANT TO
BREAK UP
WITH MITSU
AND DATE ME
INSTEAD?
YES!
Y-YES!!
FROM
THE START,
I...
WAIT!!

DON'T SAY WEIRD THINGS TO SHIROU-KUN, MANANA!
M-MITTSUN... THIS BASTARD JUST TOLD ME-
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AH...
HOLD...
WAIT...
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU TWO ...
LET'S GO, SHIROU!
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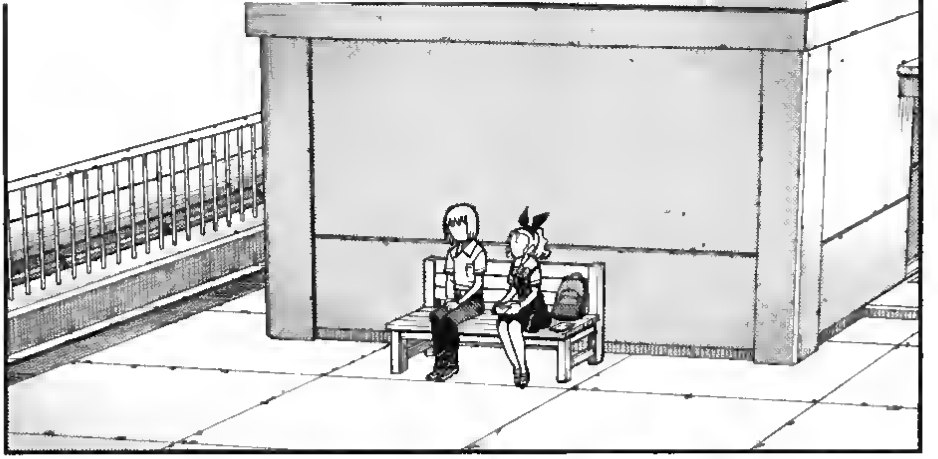
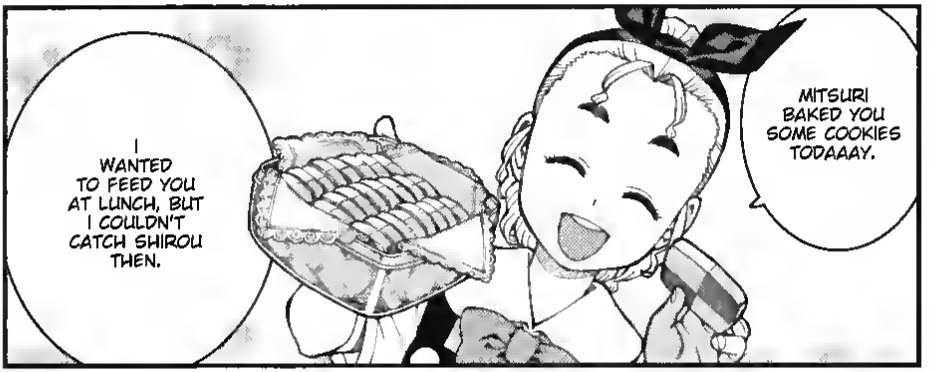
AAAAAH
MANAKAA!!




I WANTED TO FEED YOU AT LUNCH, BUT I COULDN'T CATCH SHIROU THEN.
MITSURI BAKED YOU SOME COOKIES TODAAAY.

MMPHT !?
JUST HEAR ME OU...
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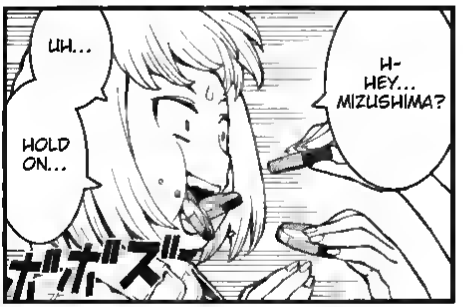
UH...
HOLD ON...
H-HEY... MIZUSHIMA?
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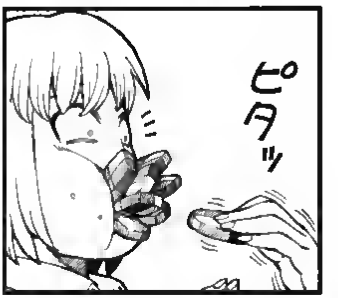
THANK YOU, SHIROU.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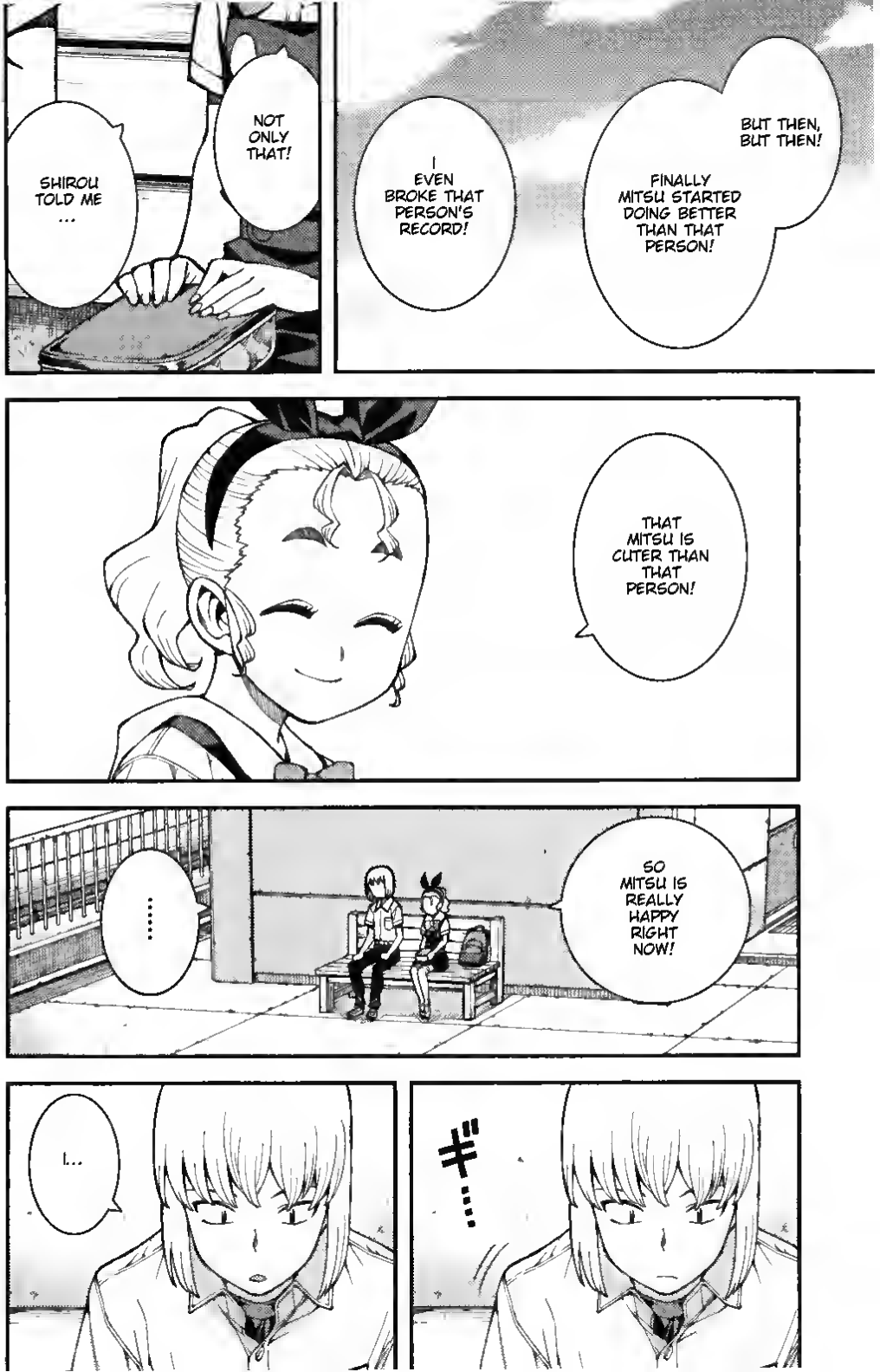
SOMEONE I'VE ALWAYS SEEN AS MY GOAL.
MITSU HAS...
TALLER THAN ME,
THAT PERSON IS CUTER THAN ME,
MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ME,
SMARTER THAN ME,
AND HAS A BETTER PERSON-ALITY THAN ME,
IS FASTER THAN ME,
HAS BIGGER BREASTS THAN ME,


SHIROU TOLD ME ...
NOT ONLY THAT!
I EVEN BROKE THAT PERSON'S RECORD!
BUT THEN, BUT THEN!
FINALLY MITSU STARTED DOING BETTER THAN THAT PERSON!
THAT MITSU IS CUTER THAN THAT PERSON!
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SO MITSU IS REALLY HAPPY RIGHT NOW!
I...
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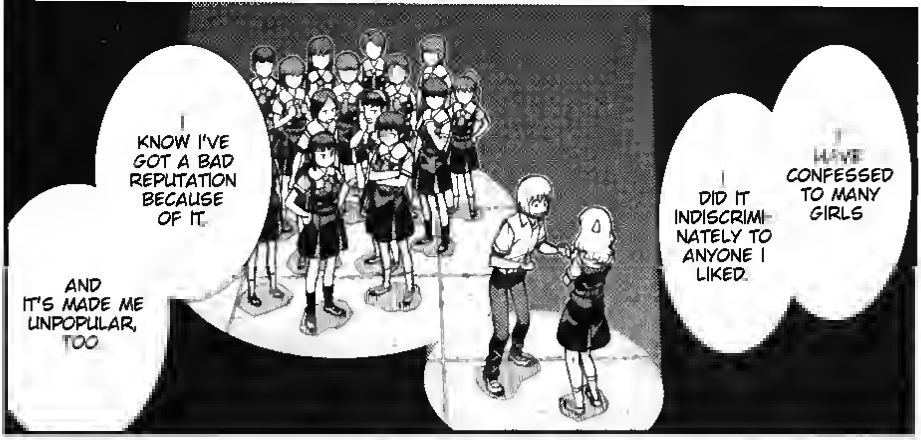
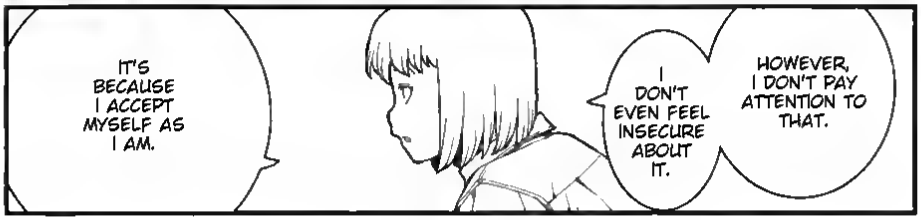
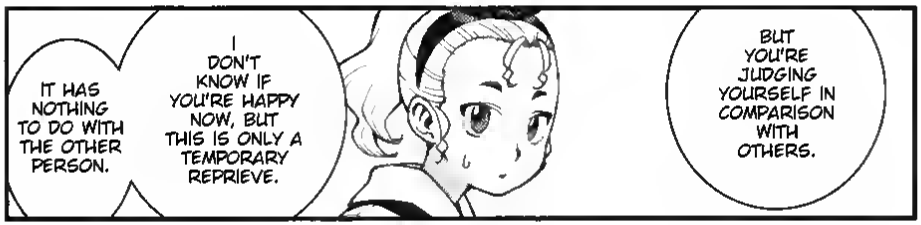
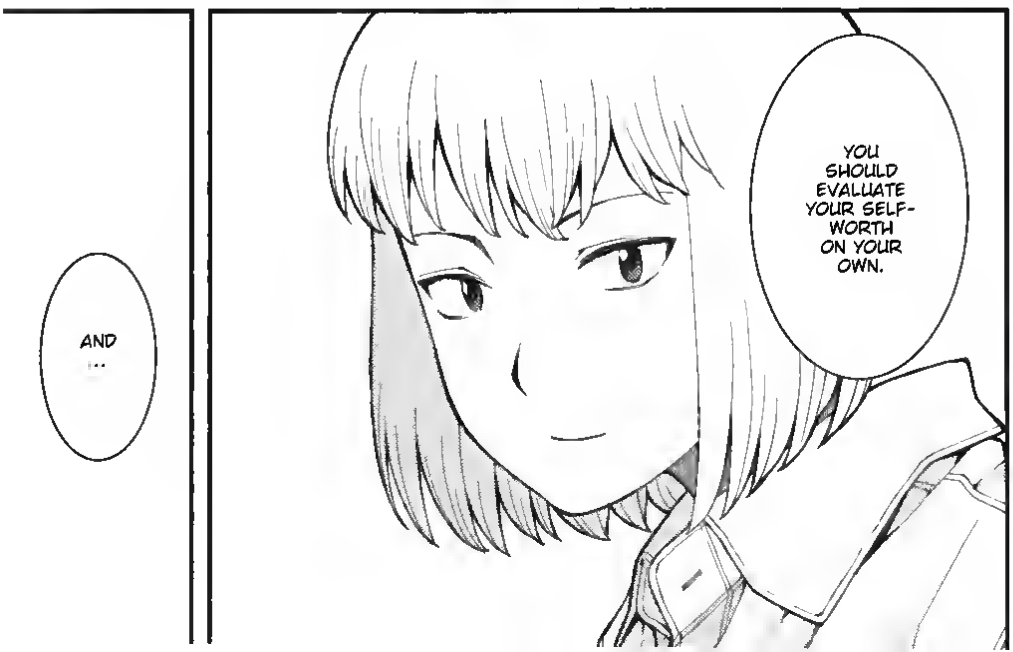
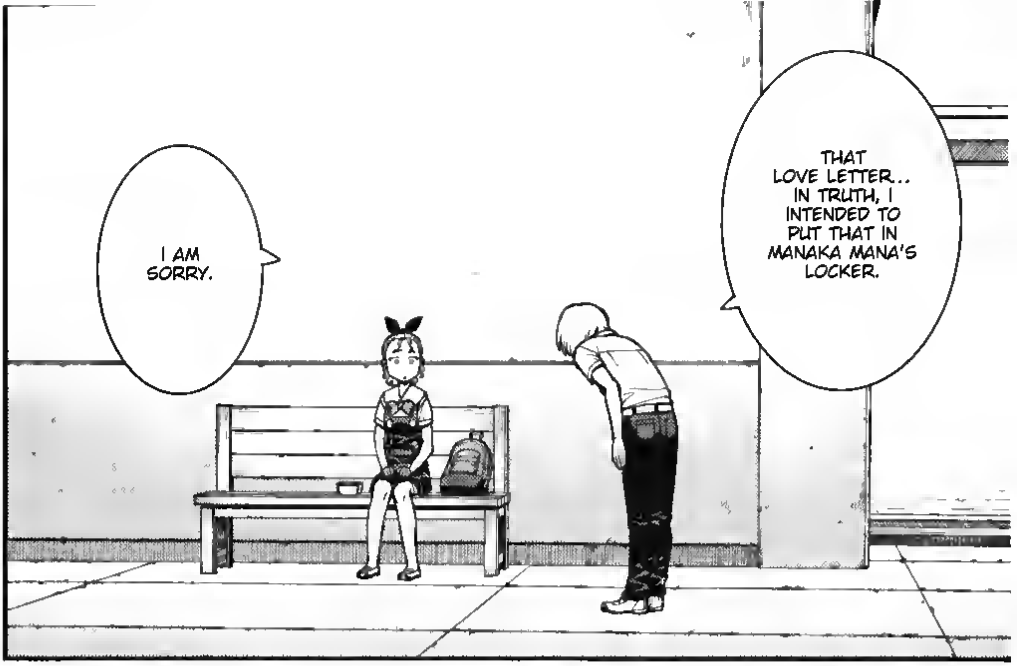
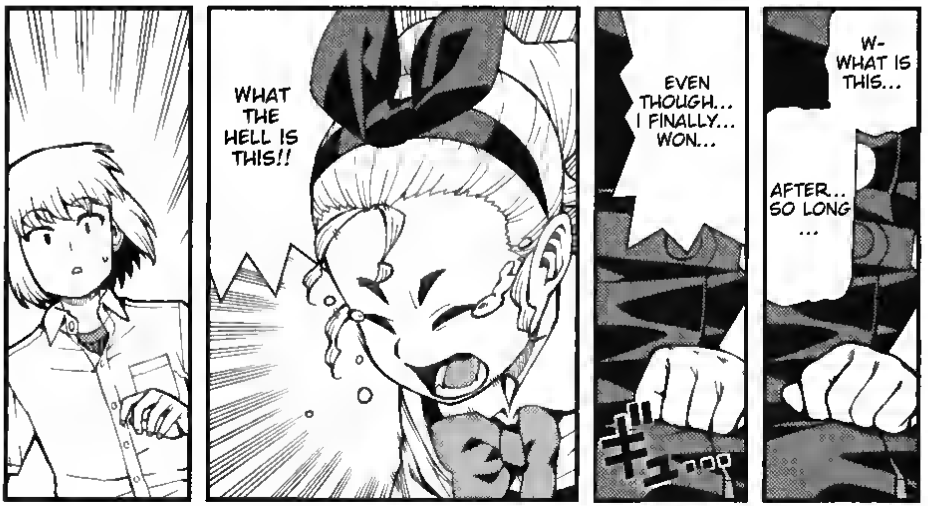

I KNOW I'VE GOT A BAD REPUTATION BECAUSE OF IT.
AND IT'S MADE ME UNPOPULAR, TOO
I HAVE CONFESSED TO MANY GIRLS
I DID IT INDISCRIMINATELY TO ANYONE I LIKED.


IT'S BECAUSE I ACCEPT MYSELF AS I AM.
I DON'T EVEN FEEL INSECURE ABOUT IT.
HOWEVER, I DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THAT.


IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE OTHER PERSON.
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE HAPPY NOW, BUT THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY REPRIEVE.
BUT YOU'RE JUDGING YOURSELF IN COMPARISON WITH OTHERS.


AND ...
YOU SHOULD EVALUATE YOUR SELF-WORTH ON YOUR OWN.


I AM SORRY.
THAT LOVE LETTER... IN TRUTH, I INTENDED TO PUT THAT IN MANAKA MANA'S LOCKER.


W- WHAT IS THIS...
AFTER... SO LONG ...
EVEN THOUGH... I FINALLY... WON...
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WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!!

WAIT A SEC!
WAI...
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME I WAS CUTE!?
YOU LIAR!! LIAR!!
THAT WASN'T A LIE ...
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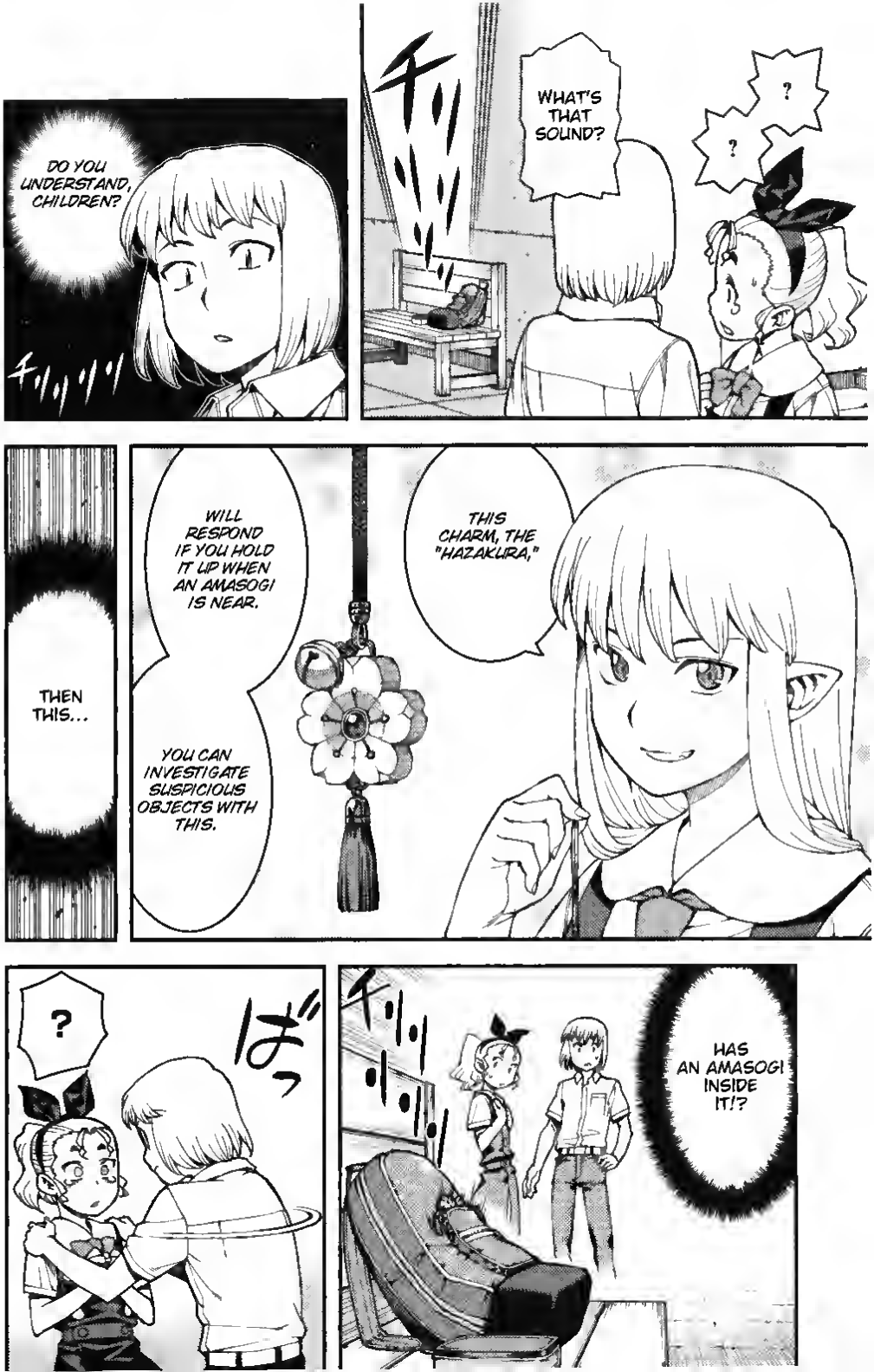
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, CHILDREN?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
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THEN THIS...
THIS CHARM, THE "HAZAKURA,"
WILL RESPOND IF YOU HOLD IT UP WHEN AN AMASOGI IS NEAR.
YOU CAN INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS WITH THIS.
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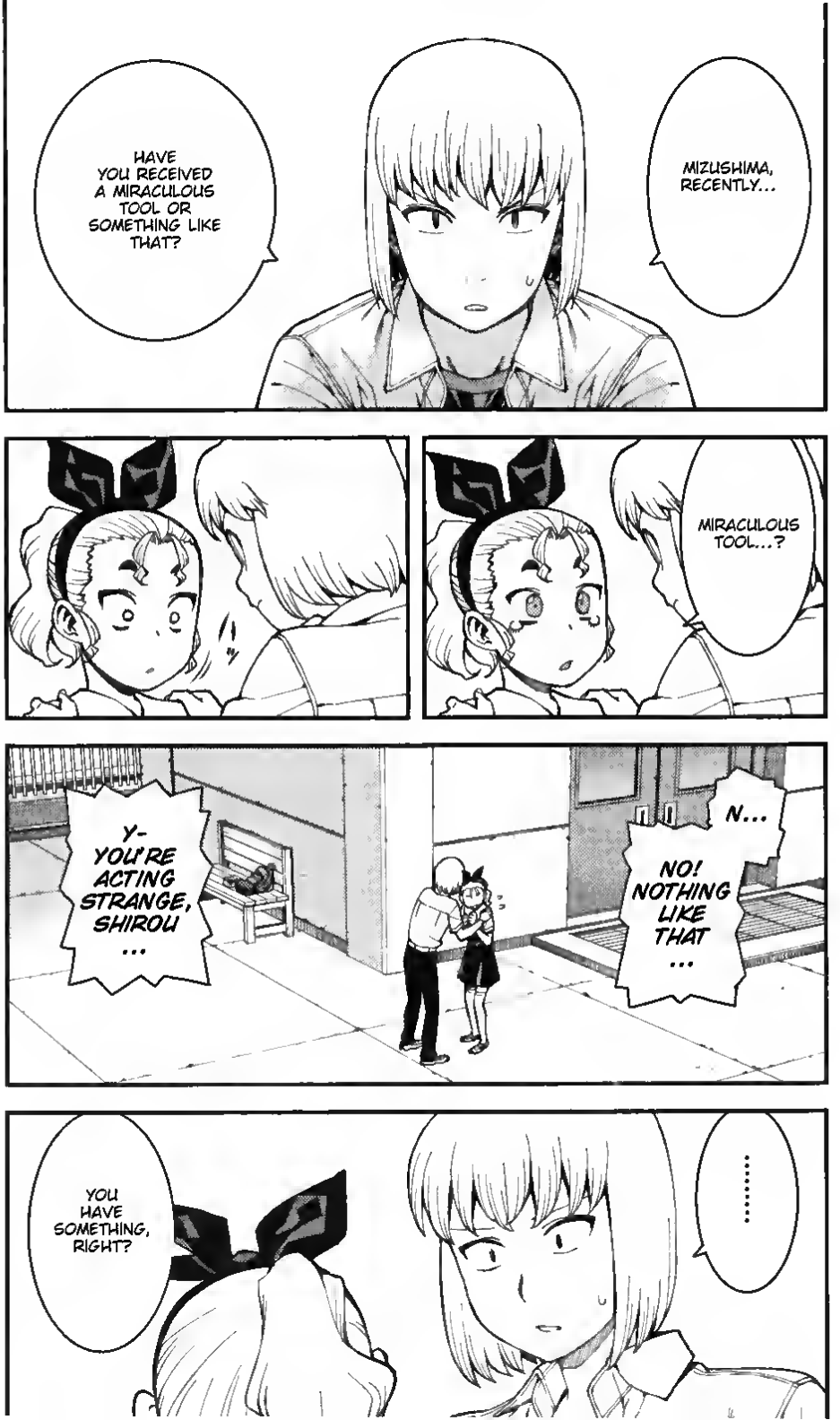
HAS AN AMASOGI INSIDE IT!?


MIZUSHIMA, RECENTLY...
HAVE YOU RECEIVED A MIRACULOUS TOOL OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
MIRACULOUS TOOL...?
N...
NO! NOTHING LIKE THAT ...
Y- YOU'RE ACTING STRANGE, SHIROU ...
.....
YOU HAVE SOMETHING, RIGHT?

HEY... THAT'S AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS OBJECT CALLED AN "AMASOG!"
YOU MUST DESTROY IT WITH YOUR OWN HANDS!
... THEY SAID.
HMM... IF YOU USE IT TOO MUCH, SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN.
AND IF SOMEONE ELSE DESTROYS IT?
THAT'S RIGHT! "CURSE BACKLASH!"
YOU PAY A SCARY PRICE!
GET IT? NO MATTER HOW HANDY IT MAY BE RIGHT NOW,
IT'S OBVIOUSLY WRONG TO GET WHAT YOU WANT BY DEPENDING ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
※ Knows from experience
IT'S JUST A FLEETING FANTASY!

IT'S NOT A FANTASY, IT CAN'T BE!
I FINALLY GOT SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT!
I BARELY WON!
...N, NO!!
NO! IT'S NOT!
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MIZUSHIMA!
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THAT CHILD HAS AN AMASOGI !?
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
A- ABOUT THAT... SHE RAN AWAY BEFORE I COULD CONFIRM IT...
SO I DON'T KNOW EITHER.
GYA! USE-LESS!
THEN WHERE DID SHE GO OFF TO!? AND WHAT KIND OF AMASOGI WAS IT!?
OSAMU, YOU GET INFORMATION ABOUT HER FROM NANAKO!
I WILL.
AH, YES!
IF WE CAN'T FIND IT... CHISATO! ASK TADATAKA ABOUT THAT CHILD'S ADDRESS!
FIRST LET'S SEARCH THE SCHOOL GROUNDS!

NO!
IS IT THAT BIG AN EMERGENCY? CAN'T IT WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW ...
SHIROU! YOU TALK TO SOMEONE CLOSE TO THAT CHILD!
GOING SO FAR AS TO POSSESS AIKO, WHO WAS UNHAPPY ...
THAT BRUISE GRANTED AIKO'S INNERMOST WISHES.
REMEMBER THE INCIDENT WITH NANAKO'S SISTER, AIKO, AND HER FACE-SHAPED BRUISE?
AMASOGI ARE DANGEROUS BEINGS.
AND MAKE HER TRY TO KILL NANAKO!

TO SUDDENLY LOSE THE SELF-CONFIDENCE SHE'D ONLY JUST GRASPED ...
ON TOP OF THAT, THAT GIRL COULD ONLY RECOGNIZE HERSELF VIA COMPARISONS TO OTHERS.
WE NEED TO SECURE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IF SHE IMPLODES AND BECOMES CONSUMED BY THE AMASOGI, WE CAN'T PREDICT WHAT SHE'LL DO.
IT'S GOOD SHE'S NOT ACTING OUT OF HASTE, BUT...
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NO LUCK HERE, EITHER! MIZUSHIMA'S NOT ANSWERING HER CALLS!
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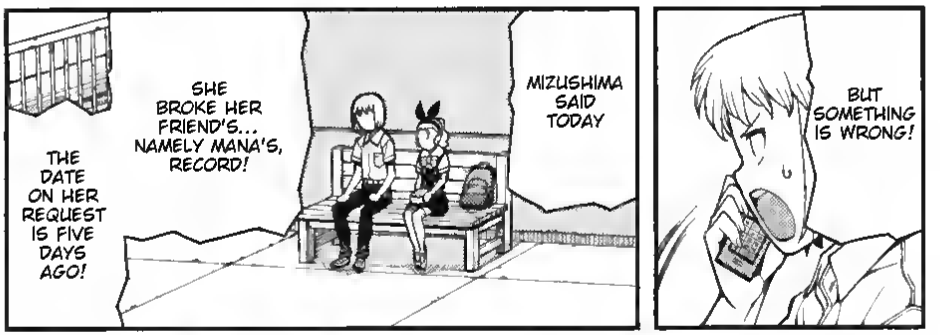
SHE'S NOT IN THE SCHOOL. WE CHECKED HER SHOE LOCKER.

GRAB
YOU GUYS KEEP GATHERING INFORMATION HERE AND GIVE IT TO US LATER!
KAZUYA AND I WILL GO TO MIZUSHIMA'S HOUSE!
HERE YOU GO.
HAND ME THAT CELLPHONE, TADATAKA!
CAR WEAVE!
!!
RING RING RING
WHERE DID YOU GO, MIZUSHIMA MITSURI!?
IS SHE REALLY NOT IN THERE!?
GYAA!
DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SHE'S JUST PRETENDING TO NOT BE HOME...

THIS IS INFORMATION FROM NANAKO'S UPPERCLASSMAN IN THE NEWSPAPER CLUB!
SHE PARTICIPATES IN THE SPORTS CLUB AND SPECIALIZES IN SHORT DISTANCE RACES! HOWEVER, HER GRADES AREN'T THAT GOOD!
FOR 8 YEARS SHE'S BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF MANAKA MANA, WHO ALSO SPECIALIZES IN SHORT DISTANCE RACES!

WE GOT A COUNSELLING REQUEST FROM MIZUSHIMA.
"I CAN NEVER WIN AGAINST MY FRIEND, SO I'M SUFFERING AND HAVE NO SELF-CONFIDENCE."
THINKING BACK, THERE WAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT!


BUT SOMETHING IS WRONG!
MIZUSHIMA SAID TODAY
SHE BROKE HER FRIEND'S... NAMELY MANA'S, RECORD!
THE DATE ON HER REQUEST IS FIVE DAYS AGO!

AND WHEN I ASKED THE SPORTS CLUB, HER RECORDS HAD SHARPLY IMPROVED, SO MUCH THAT IT WAS CONSIDERED STRANGE!
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SOMETHING THAT'S RELATED TO RUNNING AND FITS INSIDE A BAG!
I THINK I KNOW WHAT KIND OF AMASOGI IT MIGHT BE!

WHAT IS IT, KAZUYA?
...?
THE PROBLEM NOW IS LOCATING HER...
TWO FRIENDS WHO GET ALONG WELL...
BUT MIZUSHIMA HAS A HUGE INFIRIORITY COMPLEX TOWARDS MANAKA ..
AND JUDGES HERSELF BY MANAKA'S STANDARDS ...
THAT POLISHED TOWER BOUGHT A TOWER TO MAKE HIMSELF TALLER ...
AND THAT TALL TOWER LOOKED UP TO THE POLISHED TOWER AND CONGRATULATED IT.
AND AFTERWARDS, EVERYTHING RETURNED TO NORMAL.
BUT THE NEXT DAY, THAT TOWER WAS DESTROYED BY A STORM.
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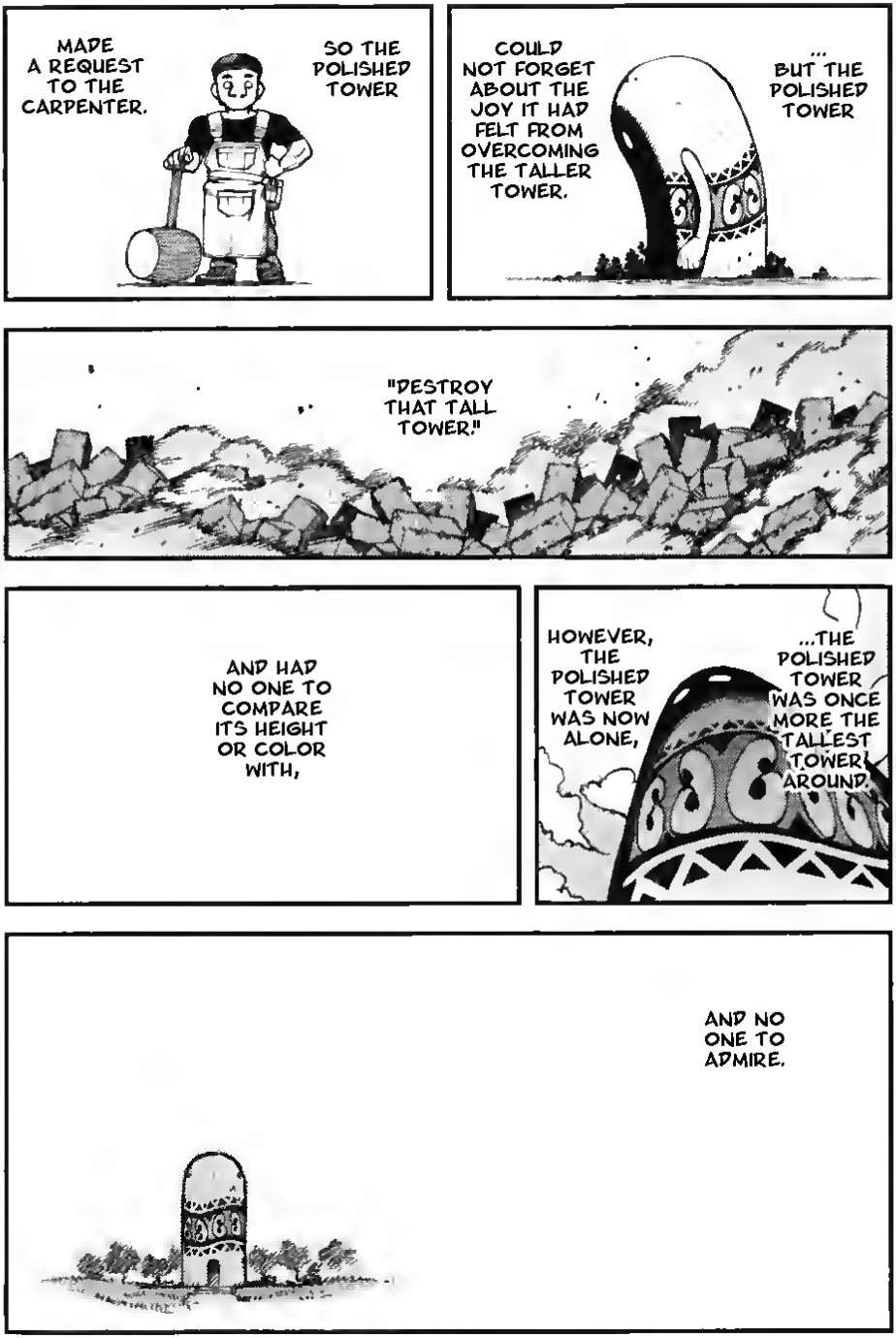
MADE A REQUEST TO THE CARPENTER.
SO THE POLISHED TOWER
COULD NOT FORGET ABOUT THE JOY IT HAD FELT FROM OVERCOMING THE TALLER TOWER.
...BUT THE POLISHED TOWER
"DESTROY THAT TALL TOWER."
AND HAD NO ONE TO COMPARE ITS HEIGHT OR COLOR WITH,
HOWEVER, THE POLISHED TOWER WAS NOW ALONE,
...THE POLISHED TOWER WAS ONCE MORE THE TALLEST TOWER AROUND.
AND NO ONE TO ADMIRE.

I GET A FEELING SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
W-WHAT IS!?
KIRIHA, IT'S DANGER-OUS!
WAIT!

MIZUSHIMA MITSURI, YOU...
I AM TAKING CARE OF DISTURBANCES CAUSED BY MIRACULOUS TOOLS.
I AM YEAR 2 CLASS 2'S KAGAMI KAZUYA!
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ARE PLANNING TO KILL MANAKA MANA, RIGHT!?

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AND SOMEONE SAID YOU WERE CUTER THAN MANAKA.
THEN, THANKS TO AN AMASOGI'S POWER, YOU IMPROVED YOUR RECORD,
YOU'VE ALWAYS FELT INFERIOR TO MANAKA.
IT MADE YOU REALLY HAPPY.
YOU WERE ABLE TO OVERTAKE MANAKA IN TWO AREAS.
AND WE FOUND OUT YOU OWNED AN AMASOGI.
BUT THEN YOU GOT DUMPED BY SHIROU,
SO YOU'RE PLANNING TO KILL MANAKA INSTEAD!
YOU COULDN'T BEAR TO RETURN TO THE WAY THINGS WERE BEFORE,

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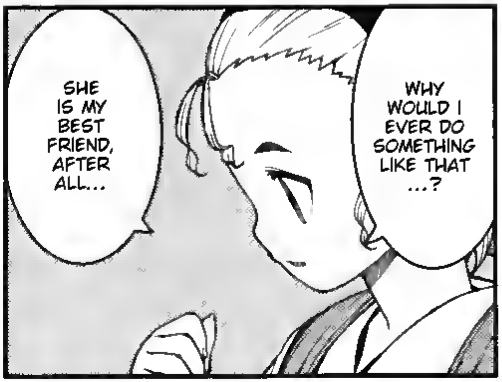
AHAHA, MITSURI DOING WHAT TO MANANA? HUHU...
AHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHA

...KAZUYA
H-HUH?


SHE IS MY BEST FRIEND, AFTER ALL...
WHY WOULD I EVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT ...?

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OW!
YOU WERE COMPLETELY WRONG, YOU LOUSY-ASS DETECTIVE!
HOLD ON... WHY'RE YOU CAUSING SUCH A RUCKUS IN FRONT OF SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE?
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SFX: THE SOUND OF GRAPES EXPLODING
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YEAH... WELL, IT'S ...
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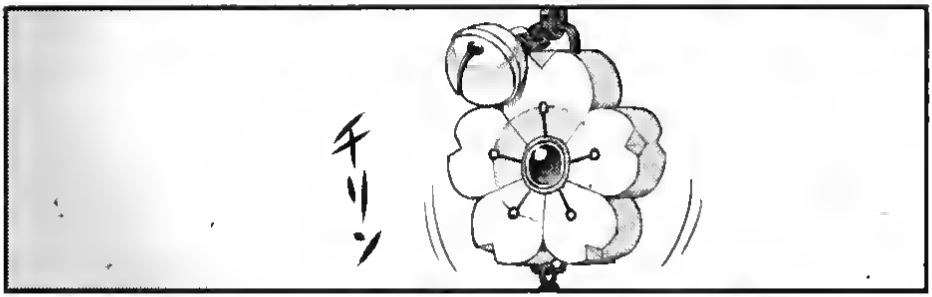
SO, WHAT'S UP? IT'S PRETTY LATE...
I CAME TO RETURN THESE
SHOES!? COULD IT BE...

I PRACTICED EVERY DAY WEARING THESE SHOES.
MITSURI WAS REALLY HAPPY.
IT'S BEEN A YEAR, RIGHT? WHEN I RECEIVED THESE SHOES FROM MANANA ...
I THOUGHT IT WAS DEFINITELY BECAUSE OF MY LACK OF TALENT.
BUT SINCE THEN... MY RECORDS NEVER IMPROVED...
I BOUGHT AND WORE ANOTHER PAIR OF THE SAME KIND OF SHOES.
DURING THAT TIME TO MAKE SURE MANA DIDN'T NOTICE.
I ASKED MY MOM TO SEW THEM UP.
THESE SHOES... GOT BADLY TORN.
...TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH ...

IT TOOK A WHILE TO GET USED TO IT.
BUT AFTER THAT, MY RECORDS STARTED GETTING BETTER AND BETTER.
WHEN I DID THAT, MY BODY SUDDENLY FELT LIGHTER.
THE GIRLS AT SPORTS CLUB BECAME SUSPICIOUS.
THERE'S NO WAY MY RECORDS WOULD JUST IMPROVE SO SUDDENLY.
BUT WASN'T SOMETHING OFF HERE?
THE MIRACULOUS TOOLS KNOWN AS "AMASOGI."
THEN SHIROU TOLD ME ABOUT THEM.

MITSU MADE SOME GUESSES ...
AND THE SUDDEN IMPROVEMENT IN MY RECORDS ...
THE NEW SHOES...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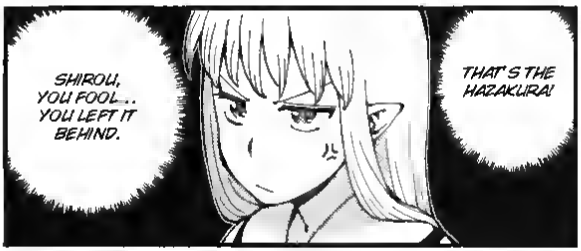
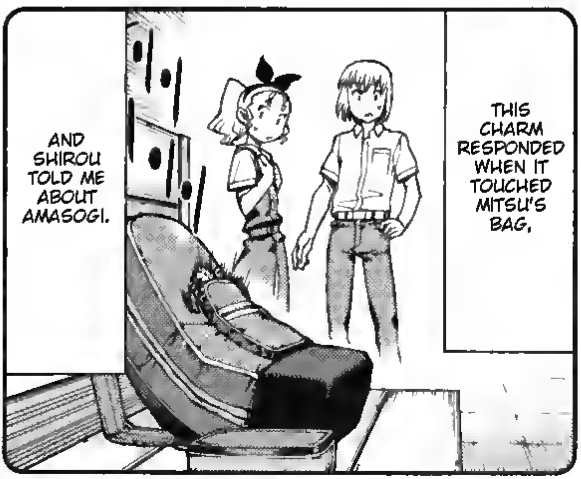

SHIROU, YOU FOOL... YOU LEFT IT BEHIND.
THAT'S THE HARAKURA!

IS A CHARM SHIROU LEFT BEHIND.
THIS...


AND SHIROU TOLD ME ABOUT AMASOGI.
THIS CHARM RESPONDED WHEN IT TOUCHED MITSU'S BAG,

SO THE SHOES INSIDE THE BAG WERE AMASOGI FOR SURE.
THIS IS DEFINITELY A TOOL THAT FINDS AMASOGI.
... THAT... WAS WHAT I THOUGHT BACK THEN.
IT WAS ALL JUST A FANTASY!
MITSU DID SOMETHING REALLY CHEAP!
MEANING MITSU'S RECORDS REALLY WERE INFLUENCED BY AMASOGI!
...BUT THAT WASN'T IT.
WEREN'T THE NEW SHOES I BOUGHT TO REPLACE YOUR TORN ONES...
THE SHOES INSIDE MITSU'S BAG

THEY WERE THE SAME SHOES I'D GOTTEN FROM MANANA!!

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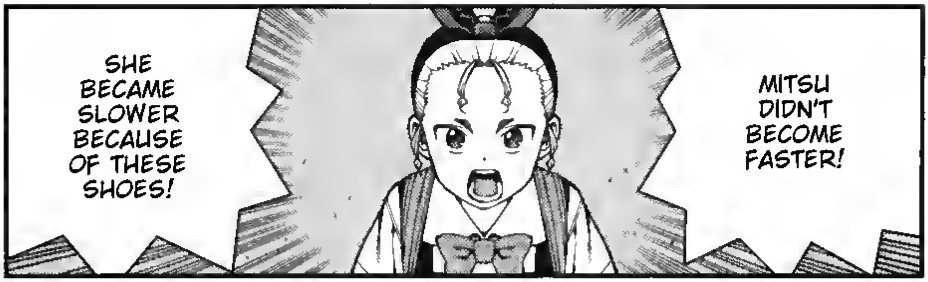
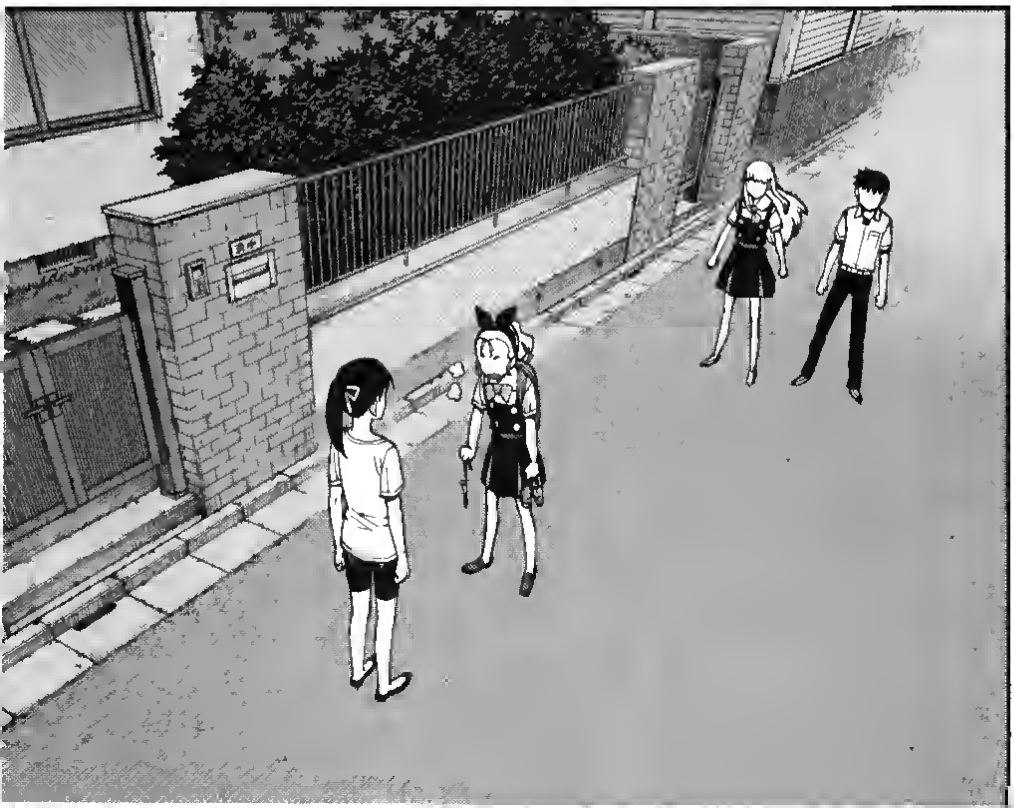
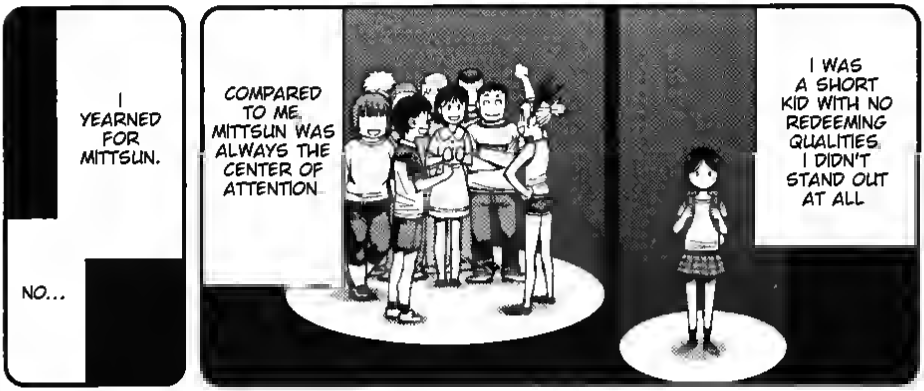

SHE BECAME SLOWER BECAUSE OF THESE SHOES!
MITSU DIDN'T BECOME FASTER!

WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO MITSU!?
ANSWER ME! WHY!?



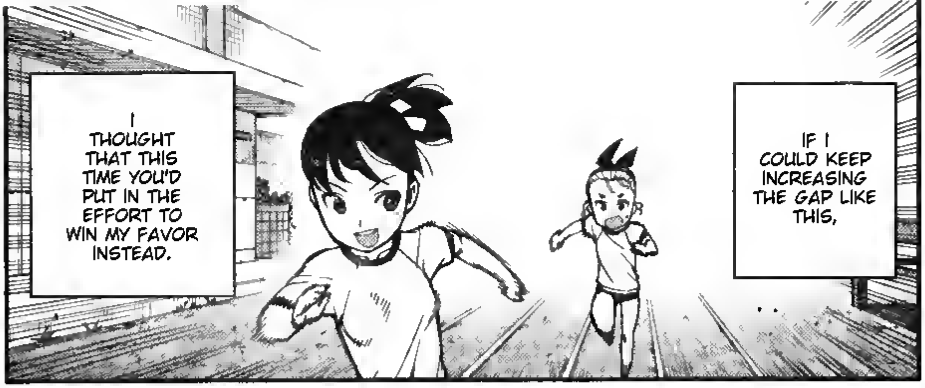
BACK WHEN WE FIRST MET EACH OTHER?
...DO YOU REMEMBER?


I YEARNED FOR MITTSUN.
NO...
COMPARED TO ME, MITTSUN WAS ALWAYS THE CENTER OF ATTENTION.
I WAS A SHORT KID WITH NO REDEEMING QUALITIES. I DIDN'T STAND OUT AT ALL

I LIKED HER.

MAYBE EVEN COME TO LIKE ME... WAS WHAT I THOUGHT.
MAYBE BECOME FRIENDS WITH ME ...
IF I BECAME CLOSER TO MITTSUN, MAYBE SHE WOULD LOOK BACK...

AND DECIDED TO COPY MITTSUN'S HAIRSTYLE.
I TRIED TALKING SMOOTHLY LIKE MITTSUN,
SO I PRACTICED MITTSUN'S SPECIALTY, SHORT-DISTANCE RUNNING, ZEALOUSLY.
AND BECAME MY FRIEND.
WHEN I DID ALL THAT, MITTSUN NOTICED ME,
AND THEN, MITTSUN TOLD ME I WAS HER GOAL.
ALL LEAPT ABOVE YOURS.
THEN ONE DAY, MY TRACK RECORD, BUST SIZE, AND POPULARITY ...


I THOUGHT THAT THIS TIME YOU'D PUT IN THE EFFORT TO WIN MY FAVOR INSTEAD.
IF I COULD KEEP INCREASING THE GAP LIKE THIS,

WHEN WE ENTERED MIDDLE SCHOOL MITTSUN BEGAN TO GET TALLER, AND SHE GOT FASTER AND FASTER.
BUT THEN ...
SO I HAD TO KEEP RUNNING AHEAD OF YOU!

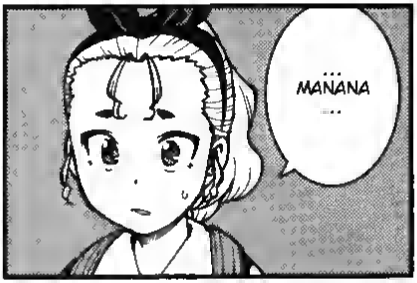
SHE WOULDN'T LIKE ME ANY MORE!
I WOULDN'T BE HER TARGET ANY MORE.
IF THINGS WENT ON LIKE THAT, I'D BE LEFT BEHIND.

I ENCOUNTERED THOSE SHOES.
YOU SHOULD USE ME
ONE DAY, WHEN I WAS WRAPPED UP IN THAT ANXIETY,

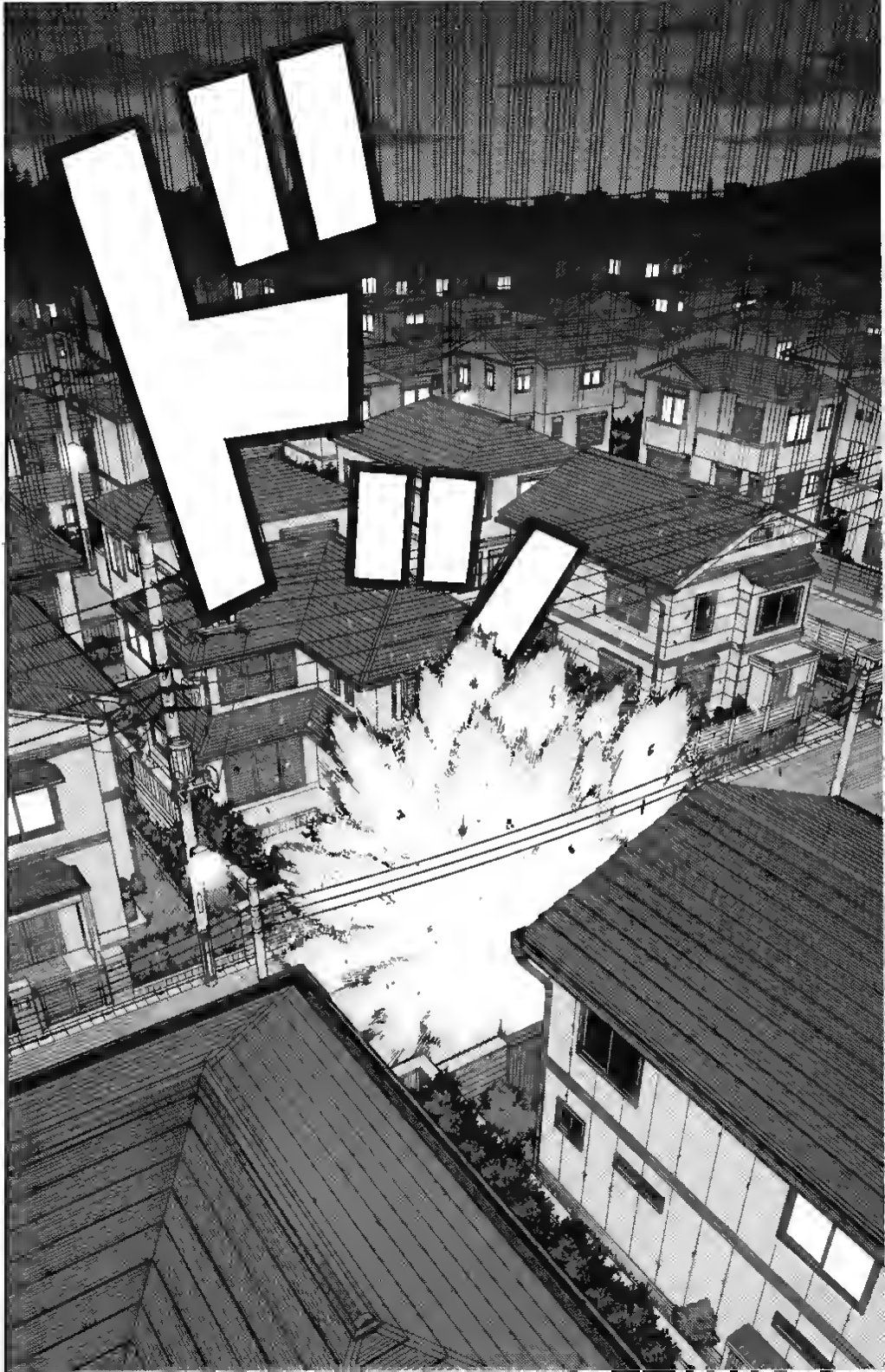
YES, THE REASON MITTSUN'S RECORD DIDN'T IMPROVE WAS BECAUSE OF THESE SHOES.
NO, BECAUSE OF MY EGO.

HUHU ...
IT'S ALL OVER NOW...
YOU WON'T LIKE ME ANY MORE ...
INSTEAD, NOW YOU HATE ME.

... SHE'S BEYOND MY GRASP ...


... MANANA ...

IF I CAN'T HAVE HER, I'D RATHER ...



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...DON'T INTERFERE.
I-IF WE HADN'T BEEN PREPARED, IT WOULD'VE BEEN GAME OVER...
THAT WAS CLOSE!

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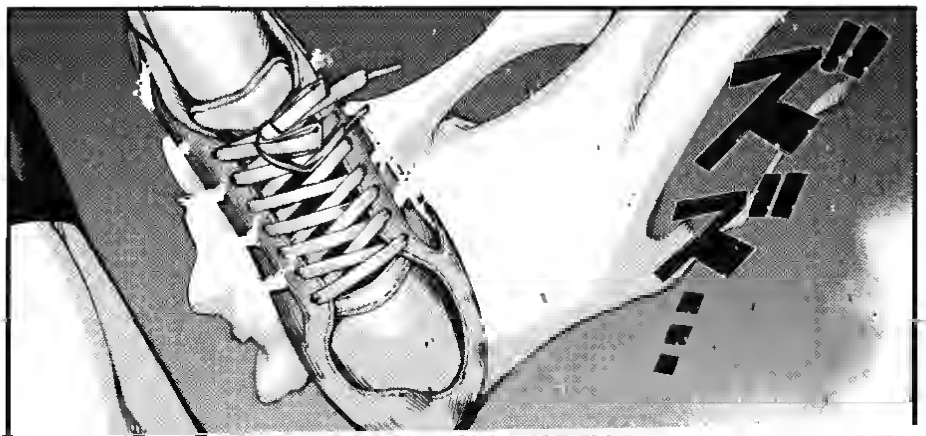
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IF YOU INTERFERE, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU
I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE IF I WANT TO MAKE MITSUN MINE.
THAT BITCH IS ON A MURDEROUS RAMPAGE, AND MITSURI'S THE TARGET!
IS THIS REALLY THE TIME!?
THAT'S IT! SO MY DEDUCTION KIND OF WAS RIGHT, IN A WAY!
NOW I SEE! THE POLISHED TOWER WAS MANAKA, NOT MIZUSHIMA!
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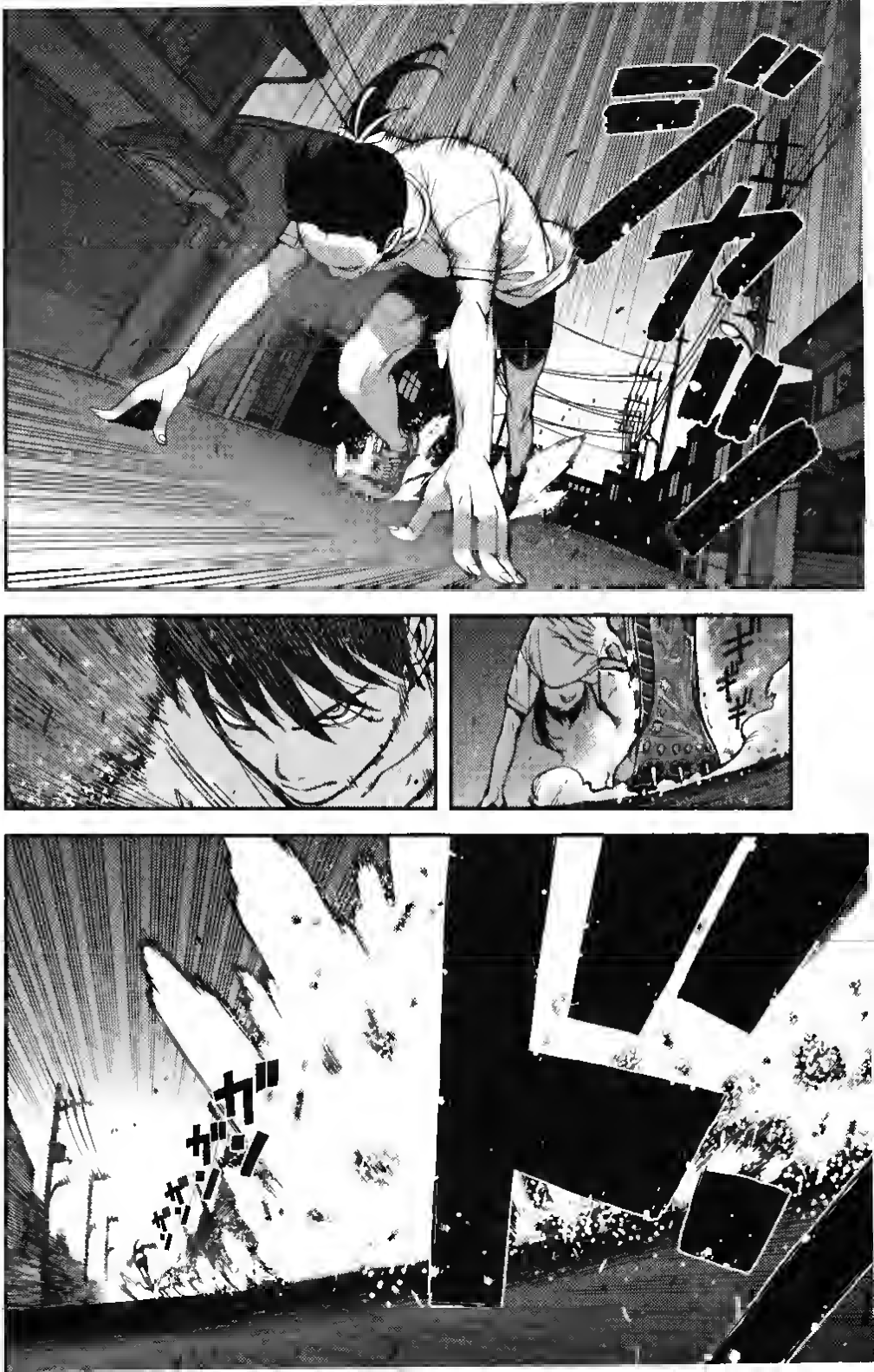
CAR WEAVE!!
TAKE THE KID AND ESCAPE AT ALL COSTS!
R-RIGHT!!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S-SHE'S COMING AFTER US!!

THERE IS!!

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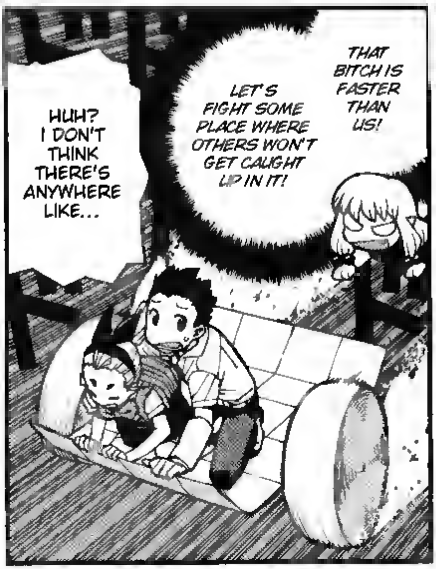
HUH? I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYWHERE LIKE...
LET'S FIGHT SOME PLACE WHERE OTHERS WON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN IT!
THAT BITCH IS FASTER THAN US!

LISTEN WELL, KAZUYA. THAT BITCH MOVES FASTER THAN WE CAN WEAVE OUR OBI.
RIGHT!
SHH!!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!
W- WHAT'S GOING ON!? WHO ARE Y-...!?
SHIELD WEAVE!!

UGH!!
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SMACK
!
KAZUYA! WEAVE THE OBI TIGHTER!
OK!!

KAZUYA! DISENGAGE! SHIELD WEAVE WON'T LAST ANY LONGER!

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WHAT ...
UGH...
THIS IS...
MAYBE WE CHOSE THE WRONG PLACE TO ESCAPE TO...
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Kazuya's Innermost Thoughts

THE CLASS JUDGEMENT MAY BE OVER
NO, NOT YET.
DIDN'T THE JUDGEMENT ALREADY END?
HUH?
EEHHH!?
BUT MY JUDGEMENT IS JUST BEGINNING!
YOU LIVE WITH A CUTE LOLI AND A WELL-ENDOWED SHRINE MAIDEN!
AND ON TOP OF THAT!
YOU HAVE KIRIHA AND KASUMI ...
ACCORDING TO JURY MEMBER C.C.
YOU MEAN CHISATO ...

NO WAY!!
YOUR SEXY MISADVENTURES FROM LIVING TOGETHER WITH THOSE HOTTIES!
ALRIGHT, SPIT 'EM OUT!
LEAVE IT TO ME.
JUROR O.O.!
OUUU...
STOOOP
I LEARNED ABOUT HYPNOSIS BEFORE, FOR MY MANGA.

SQUEEZE SQUEEZE
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AAAARGH! THAT LUCKY BASTARD!

THERE MUST BE EVEN MORE EXTREME EPISODES THAN THESE ONES!
DO IT, O.O.!
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LET'S DOUBLE IT THEN.
LI-
カッ
LICKY LICK LICK!!
ビカカッ
AAAAAAA
SUNAO, NEXT TIME, LET'S DO IT FOR REAL!!
CHISATO, PLEASE CONTINUE FROM WHERE WE LEFT OFF LAST TIME !!
I WANT TO SUCK YOUR BREASTS, KOKUYOU !!
KIRIHA! PLEASE SPREAD YOUR LEGS WIDE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!!
KUKURI IS SO CUTE I WANT TO LICKY LICK LICK!!

BUT ...
BUT I WANT TO KEEP THE RELATION-SHIP WE'VE GOT RIGHT NOW...
IT LOOKS LIKE HIS REPRESSED, UNCONSCIOUS DESIRES ARE BEING RELEASED.
HMM ...
H-HOLY CRAP! WHAT'S WRONG, KAZUYA!?
I NEED TO HOLD IT IN!!!
THE NEXT DAY
MY MALE CLASSMATES BECAME A LOT KINDER TOWARDS ME, SORTA...
I COULDN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO THAT.
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DUDE, YOUR ENDURANCE IS REALLY AMAZING.